INDIAN REMOVAL TO THE WEST, 1832–1840

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Rankin Mississippi
6th July 1831

Genl John H Eaton
Secretary of War

Sir

I wrote you from
Jackson at the request of some of the citizens
in that Quarter expressing a wish that
the government would afford them to
power to the west in gunnies or small
packs - At that time it appeared to me
advisable - but after having conversed a
many - there since I have heard
them talk & learnt their political views
for this kind man to appoint that as
I am perfectly sure that the post
plan will be for the government
to require them to go over the river
under the protection of the persons
appointed for that purpose and
if they do not they will of course have to

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Dear Kin Brown confirmes

Shall they be allowed

as suggested in my former letter to

(which I regret having written) - to

go in parties & live Brown - The effect th

will be to create great party warfare U

& among them - any leading man Se

with they to take down Indian - Se as to m f

Under no obligations to any one but Is

their self - The chiefs who made

the treaty are behaving under

a sad deal of displeasure from

many for having made the

treaty - They trust by letting them

live together - kindly & by putting

them on a better [illegible] - that

they will become pleased - and

that the last confidence will

be again established -

- find the causes of any difficulty

The chiefs having causes to be made with a view to the Settlements - which are in the Office at the Agency - shewing the precise number of Acres given each - and Seeings as they now do those they will - facts from them when completed - With the Treaty Stipulations now making - they will more explicit and say that it will be hard to satisfy the common Indian - the Treaty

It is due to them for me to state - that they received their Patents and Returns from their Captains who got them from each Person - every thing here from dispended on what the individual said of the Size of his own fields - and they knew nothing of Acres - &

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twenty a small patch Russia
corn field —

Col Lafflin says that the
government did not gain
any knowledge ~~whatever~~ whatever on
this ~~subject~~ subject — The farmers
in his neighbourhood have told
him that they must harvest their
crops & would not
allow ~~him~~ him to do so

He tells pleasing
us saying that he has found him
very zealous in assisting the views
of the government in carrying in
effect the treaty — He is certain
he has made important discoveries
in the ~~[illegible]~~ hay region and ~~[illegible]~~
Labours of having to do so

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I have conversed with him on the subject of the road he intends from Chicago to Chicot on the Mississippi and on the proper point - indeed every one in this country thereabouts

The - Dupas river with water about of road to mouth at that season

The road they say ought to commence on the [redacted] Prairie and keep by or near dividing ridge and thence ... the East bank of the river Opposite Point ...

It is impossible. to get Provisions here. you can not ... have corn or bacon Fresh meat is now the staple article with the aid of game

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your Honor—.

Dear Sir[illegible]
all ends as yet — and by the
time I can you again — ex-
pect to be able to [illegible] idea
of when we will finish —

I have the honor to
be with great
Your Obt Svt!

F. W. Cumston

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Choctaw Referred.

F. W. Armstrong

Indian Office

July 19. 1831

Secretary of War.

Choctaw Agency,

1st July 1831.

Speaks of the Census, the relinquishment of lands by the Indians and of the approaching emigration.

Ref.d July 19. 31

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Chickasaw Agency
1st July 1831

Genl John H. Eaton
Secretary of War
Washington

Sir

Mr Eyth has just reached here on [illegible] to proceed to Col Upshaw's district

I have taken copies of the work done by the chiefs of the Nation and which it was thought by them, to be all that was necessary under the Treaty. to entitle them to reservations or money in lieu of the Land —

I find that they have greatly misunderstood the duty which they have attempted to perform. It will be seen by a reference to their books that they have completed each class — And from what is now admitted the fields will never be found

It appears that they [illegible] under the treaty. & from what I have [illegible] to the actual numbers of them in Cultivation. but little will fall to their lot — beyond the [illegible] as to the three large classes. they can not be half filled —

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The whites have made many purchases and I think must Loose in the end unless upon Absolute fraud

On the Subject of Relinquishments Many have done so with a view to the money — in this great disappointment must take Place — as none will be entitled. Unless Relinquished by the first of January 1830 and the number of Acres — will depend upon the Number of Acres Actually in Cultivation on the 25. Sept 1830 This is to include. Their House and Land to the head of the family —

This will Place their Speculations & profits upon a very small scale compared with the wishes of the Chiefs

It will be great disappointment & dissatisfaction there can be no doubt — because they have already made calculations & have expectations — that cannot be realized

I have had a full talk to day with Mushulatubbee & Folsom Present — & the Letter leaders in presence of about twenty five Captains —— Every thing has been

Explained - and all the aid I ask
shall be given - in the performance
of our duties — They are pleased with
the strict manner of taking the Census
- as - because it is conducted with
Civility & Politeness - as tells them
by us — They are in the habit
of Moving - Except the Little
Leader, and a few of his Folks

The Annuity will as it Land
be paid about the 15 Augt
I wish to finish if possible and
as the ships will be time by the time
them to make the selections agreeably
to the treaty - I trust any of the
Chiefs over Here - The Books there
will be returned to Washington
by me, with I hope be entirely
satisfactory - and will Show that
Frauds could not have been Practiced
=tised

The Chiefs wish to know
if any one has been appointed to
collect their Cattle - I have told
them - that in all probability it
is now in progress at all events
that their Agent will be informed
by the Time of the Annuity -

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have communication with Col Folsom - Lieut Gaines & Hankins - who has returned from the west - Much pleased —

They think from what Hankins says of the swamp that it will be best to cross the river some distance below N Orleans - The road to commence not far from Col Leftwiches

Indeed an Idea is entertained that steam boats can run from Leftwiches down the yazoo and up to the point of landing on the Mississippi river 24 hours - If so would it not be well to look to this as the cheapest & most expeditious - but at all events - the road - should boats not answer - will have to cross at that point I will write you after talking with Col Lefton on the subject

Parties of Choctaws say they wants ja them selves and carry all their stock - bearing their own expenses - if the Government will allow them per cent proportion to the number taken over by the government — letting them draw bread stuff at the several depots and charging them with it to be deducted from what is due them for bearing their own expences

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their new homes - If a thousand Cattle the U States - La must what while the party be entitled - to consisting of a certain - number - They will expect to be ferried over the Mississippi - This plan would Certainly take off Many families - It is for the consideration of the department -

I have the honor to be your Obt Svt

F. W. Armstrong

P.S. They all say - there must be One fight before they take the Mississippi swamp

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[A1 - ChocTaw]

Capt. Gibson
2nd Jany 1831

On Service

Free

Lt. Genl. Ger. Gibson
Commissary General
Washington City
D. C.

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Head Quarters 7th Inf.
Cantonment Gibson
20th January 1831.

Sir

I had the Honor on the 11th Instant to receive at (Fort Smith) your Letter of the 20th of Sept last, Since Lieut Carter received your instructions to repair to Red River on the 13th Inst and on the 17th Inst. I returned to this post and found him busily engaged in preparing his papers to close his accounts in the Commissary and Quartermasters Departments at this post, and to turn over the public property in his charge. Sprigt Lt Stephenson has been ordered to the Duties of Asst Commissary at this post during the absence of Lieut Carter, and to receive and receipt to him for the money and property appertaining to this Department.

Sprigt Carter will be enabled to close his business here in four or five days when he will proceed to execute the duties assigned to him.

I have advised him to lose no time (after he has obtained the necessary information) in reporting to you, and recommended him to remain at or near (Washington, Hempstead County, until he hears from you.

I am sir.

Very respectfully
Yr Obt Servt
A. Arbuckle
Brevt Brig Genl Comdg

Lt.

Genl Geo. Gibson
Commissary Genl of Subs
(Washington City.

Ehrio 1 Chrokee

Capt. Jacob Brown

To

Jeff Barks. Sept 24. 1831

Accts appt. of Capt.

of Removal & Subs. Indians

Recd. 8 Oct

Jefferson Barracks Mo.
Septr. 24th 1841

Sir

Your Communication
dated the 6th Inst, accompanied
by Genl Order No. 105, Adjutant
Genl. Office, assigning me for duty in your Department
is received, and the Appointment
to the duties therein referred to,
is accepted;

I shall repair to Little Rock,
Arkansas, & enter upon those
duties, with as little delay as
practicable,

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
Your Ob. Svt

To
Brigr Genl. Geo Gibson
Comdg Genl. of Subs
Washington D.C.

J Bowen
Capt. & A.D.C.

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Comg 2 ~~Regt~~ Choctaws

Capt. Jacob Brown

Left Barracks Sept 26. '31

Send Copies of letters of

24th Sept

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Jefferson Pamph Mss
Sept 26. 1801

Dear Sir

To guard against accidents, I write all duplicates, which contains mine, & your answer to copy of communication, made to you on the 24th Inst.

For this mark of confidence, in designating me, for superintending duties, I pray you to accept my thanks, at the same time, I may assure you, that I enter upon the duties with much diffidence, and if within my abilities to perform they shall be performed

Accept my prayers for your health & best wishes for your welfare

J Brown
Capt. U. S. A.

Comd Capt. J. P. Brooke Chas Gen
Rock Oct. 7. 1831.
Reports his arrival &c

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Brig. Gen. Geo. Gibson
Comg Gen. Ords.
Washington
D. C.

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Regt 18th USA

Little Rock Ark T.
Octo 17. 1861

Sir

I have the honor to report,
my arrival at this place, & to
inform you that I shall enter
upon the duties assigned me
without delay. and
I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt

W Brown
Capt 6th Infy

Brigr Genl. Geo Gibson
Comdg Genl. Ord. Dept,
Washington D C

Copy of 4. Chocktaw
Capt. Jacob Brown
Little Rock Oct. 26th 1831.
Sends 3 fresh beef Contracts
&c.

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Rec. 16 Nov

Little Rock A. T.
Oct. 26th 1831.

Sir

Upon unwearied Pains & Contracts, with hands, for the delivery of Corn to Natchez, the Chickasaw Agent of the Mississippi — Select, Likewise of with whom Notice, Immediately which the Contracts were made, &

As no Certain intelligence has been received of the Immediate movements of the Emigrants with their Property, and it has been intimated to me, That in all Probability they will remain Encamped, for the Winter of the Ensuing Year, Say Three Hundred Thousand Rations, Contracted for by Lieut Stephenson & Whereas must be Commenced, before any part of those Contracts, are Completed. I have for the Security of Government, thought it best, to make those Contracts, Extending to that point, as much as possible,

I have Visited the Stores on foot in Person, on the 20 Inst. as Notified, Trouble has Caused, much Trouble, in Collecting Corn &c, all ended with Great Expence & Loss by that if much Cost, & besides it would have Cost

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mean in the first instance, & the letter will show — These Contracts also, show that beef in large quantities, cannot be had at Chicago as it anticipated in June. Communications under cover of the Telegraph lately used from what I can learn from the price of Gold, the same has been unconditionally refused since, that date,

I shall be soon to be.

Very respectfully
your Ob. Ser.
J. Brown Capt. & Q.
Asst. Qr. Mr. Gen. of Subs.

To

Brig. Gen. Jos. Gilmore
Comm. Gen. of Subs.
Washington D. C.

Abstract of bids
received by Capt Bomford
for furnishing Fuel &c
to Choctaw Indians at
mouth of Yazoo river

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Abstract of bids received for furnishing fresh Beef for the use of Choctaw Indians at Kiamichia, to be a[illegible]
agreeably to Advertisement, to receive proposals for the delivery of 1.080.000 pounds on the 20th Dec. 1831.

Names.	Residence,	Quantity.	price per pound Slaughtered per hundred	price per Cwt on Foot, per hundred	Remarks.
Robert Crittenden	Little Rock A.T.	360.000.	$4.17½	$4.87½	
William R. Roswell.	Batesville —	360.000	4,99¾ -	4,99¾	
Thompson & Cummins	Little Rock —	360.000	3.90 —	4.18.	
R.C. Byrd & P. Thompson	Little Rock. -	360,000	3.84 —	3.98.	Accepted.
Dickens & Gregg —	Crawford — —	360,000	3,93½ —	3,87	
Jacob Ruggard —	Lafayette Co —	360.000	3.80 —	3.80.	Accepted.
F. A. McWilliams.	Washington —	360.000	3.74 —	4.50.	Accepted.
G.W.T. McHenry.	Pulaski Co —	360.000	6.25 —	6.50.	
Rogers Coffee & Co.	Fort Smith -	360.000	5.00 —	4.25	
Lorenzo A. Clark,	Post Co —	360.000	4.00 —	" "	
Robert Harrington.		360.000	4.74 —	4.74	
Joseph Georges,		360.000	4.11 —	4.11	
M & H Rean.		360.000	4.70 —	4.75.	

Little Rock A.T.
Oct. 22d. 1831,

J. Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Supt. Removal Choctaw Indians

1,080,000 lbs. Beef wanted.

LITTLE ROCK, A. T.
15th Sept. 1831.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the subscriber, at this place, until the 22d day of October, 1831, for the delivery of One Million and Eighty thousand pounds of FRESH BEEF, at the Mouth of Kiamichia, on Red River, on the 20th day of December, 1831.

It is the wish of the subscriber, to divide the above quantity of beef into three separate contracts. Persons making proposals, will please state the price at which they will deliver at the above named place, Three Hundred and Sixty Thousand pounds of Beef, in bulk, on the hoof; also the price at which they will slaughter and deliver the same quantity, the hides and tallow, in the latter case, to be the property of the contractor.

Good and sufficient security will be required for the faithful performance of contracts, and payment will be made at this place, on producing the receipts of the United States' Agent at Kiamichia, for the delivery of the beef.

Persons making proposals will please attend at this place on the 22d day of October, that contracts may be closed as soon as practicable.

J. B. CLARK,
Capt. U. S. Army,
Srpt'g. the Rem'l. of Choc'k. of Indians.
39-4w

Emig 5 Choctaw
Capt. Jacob Simon
Little Rock Oct 27. 31
Will require $25,000=

Rec'd 16 Nov

Little Rock A.T.
Oct 27th 1841.

Sir

From best information & data now before me I shall require $25.000 to meet & reimburse for the Removal & subsistance of Choctaws, in this Quarter. This is exclusive of Funds in hands, - but includes the Contracts for Beef, Corn & Salt, entered into by the Superintendent on hand, to direct the disposition of New Orleans, &c.

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
Your Ob't Serv't.

J Brown Capt. 6th Inf.
Asst. Com. & Sub. of Indian

Brigr Gen'l. Gen. Gibson
Comm'y Gen'l. of Subs.
Washington C. C.

Capt. F. Brown
Rock. Oct 31. 1831

1000 of Musketoe Battalion, ma
rch from Memphis, between
1st & 10th Nov. and 200 (two hun
dred) of the same time.
— The road from Memphis
to Little Rock he has traveled
Steam Transport
to month white river & post
Rock.

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Nov 28th

Gen

Little Rock ct. [illegible]
Nov. 21st 1831

I am just informed that 1000.
of Mountcastle Tribes Indians are assembling
[redacted] cross the Mississippi at Memphis.
[redacted] Gen. Atkinson, under Capt. Jennison & Folsom,
will cross at the same. The former are to
be supplied with Subsistence, to three
days, the latter to suit the number
of the Commissariat allowance, both
of the above parties are expected to cross
the Mississippi, between the 1st & 10th Proxo,

This information is obtained
from Col. Gaines, under date of the 4th
Inst = at Council Ground,

The Road from Memphis through
the Swamp is horrid in the Extream, and
cannot with safety be passed Conjointly
the Agent / Gen Atkinson / but to that point to
receive & conduct the Emigrants. it directed
to procure Transport, if possible, & convey them

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to the (mouths of White River. or to the Mouth of
Arkansas. should there be Much Stock dry
it will be sent through direct to their Islands
No further intelligence of the movements
of Emigrants,

Very Respectfully
I have the honor to be
Your Obt Servt,

J. Bonneycastle, Ms. a
Asst. Qr. Mr. U. S. A. Indians

Brigr. Genl. Geo. Gibson.
Comg Genl. of Subs.
Washington D. C.

Engrs 8 Choctaw
Capt. T. J Brown
L. Rock. Oct. 24th. 1831

Sends Capt. Clark to
Orleans to get $10,000 = in
Cash!

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Rec'd 30th Oct.

Little Rock A.T.

Oct 24th 1851

As it is found impossible to obtain Money for Orders, on St Louis, [redacted] already Cash. & Land Warrants Exchanged, to forward to W.A and obtain the Cash, I $10.000=/ deposited there to his Credit. Money Available for Current Transactions at this Place. This Change was Necessary, or rather I must have Some Money Employed an Agent, to take the Place of Ste Royer, Now under Orders for Port of Arkansas; to Purchase, for Government the Emigrants that may Enter the Territory in that direction,

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I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt.
J. J. Brown Capt. & Com.
Asst. Q. M. Gen. of Indiana

Maj. Genl. [illegible]
Comdg. Genl. [illegible]
Washington D. C.

Depy of Choctaw
Capt. J. Brown
L. Rock, Nov. 11. 1831

Detailed report of
the Choctaws moving

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Sir Dear Sir

Head Quarters of
Oct. 11th 1791

I wrote on the 7th inst. to Genl. Scott
[redacted] in relation to the movements of Genl Gunby,
the Cherokees, & at that time & now in possession of
and the source from whence it was received.
— Since then nothing official from any Quarter
has been received — Governor Says. That
[redacted] District, the Cossumbias and
Creek Indians detachedly the
first were to start on or about the 15th inst.
would cross the Missisippi at Chickasaw, and
make their way — viz. Washington & C. to the
Mouth of the Miamitia — I am expecting
ing to receive more positive information in
relation to the above every hour,

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir with respect fully
Your Obt Sert
Wm Darke
Colo Cmdt &c

Brigr Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comdg Quarr Mr Genl.
Washington
City

Copy to Choctaw
Capt. Jacob Brown

L. Rock Nov. 11th 1831.

Mr Colquhoun advises him
that in a few days 1000
more will be on their way
to

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Dec 12th

Yin

Little Rock A.T.
Dec. 11th 1861

Since my Note of Yesterday I have received further intelligence of Emigration Movements, - a Letter from Col Gearhart under date of

[redacted]

Dept. Not left. Some 7000. Southwide be under way. They cross the river at different points. The greater number at Pittsburg Ldg and take the Cairo Memphis Road to Washington D.C

By this time many must have Entered the territory, but the important Points of Entry have literally & effectually cut off. The overland Communication to the Plains or the Miss. when they have crossed

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
W Byron
Capt U.S. A

Brig Gen'l Geo Gibson
Com'y Gen'l of Subs
Washington D.C

Choctaw

R. C. Byrd & Co
Little Rock A. T.
Oct 10th 1831

They offer to supply as much corn as may be wanted during one or two years for the subsistence of the Choctaw indians, at one dollar & per bushel: provided the contract be made before Feby 1832

Genl George Gibson
Commissary of Subsistence
Washington City
(D C)

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Dec 17th

Little Rock 11th Octr 1831

Sir

Having lately taken a Contract to Establish Printing in Arkansas, We, of Course Obtained all information respecting the Resources of the Country, and, although we were aware that People did not Labour hard in this Country for their Support, did not know (until Staging, for the Information) that the most Industrious, were so Easey Operated upon by having a little advantage of the Necessity of a Government Contractor, with their Stock, and all Prospect of future Operations, it Appears to us, that it would be a Better, Safer, and more Certain Course, for Government to Adopt for the Operations of the Year Coming, to make Arrangement with some Responsible Persons to Supply what Corn May be wanted; Corn being an Article which Cannot be Commanded at a Fair Price unless there Shall be a Vast Quantity Produced more than has ever been in this Territory before; and as you will Perceive by Capt. Clarks Returns, People are ready to take more Advantage of Circumstances, than to Show Common Honesty We will State from our own Observations, that the Article of Corn, is Certain, to be worth About Fifty Cents per bushel, Particularly, South & West of the Arkansas River it will, on good Crops, Average About Seventy five Cents, and in Case of the Small Supplies being bought up, it will Command One Dollar, and if the Demand Should

Emig 13 Choctaw

Capt S. Timon
Little Rock A.T.
Oct 24 1831

Relating to the removal
Has rec'd letter upon the
subject of drawing bee
from Mexico - He relates
of the emigration & uncertainty
of numbers make it necessary
to publish notice for fu
ther supplies.

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Fine

Rec'd at Little Rock Ark.
Nov. 24th 1851

Where Steamboats should every
[illegible] expectations that some hundreds
of the Emigrants would have Entered the
Territory [illegible]

Col. Rector who has just been here
[illegible] Weichenthaler writes on the 10th and
says the Emigrants had commenced arriv-
ing at that place and that by the 15th a
considerable number will have assembled

Lt Gaines writes from Cantonment
on the 3d Inst, thinks that he shall be at
Weichenthaler in a few days, and thinks that
[redacted] will commence Embarking and
crossing the Emigrants by the 21st Inst.

Weichenthaler, it appears, is the main
concentrating point, and it is believed
that the greater portion, will take steam
boat there and, Enter the Territory by the
Arkansas River and Attend the same, as
far as the Navigation will permit, which

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at it's most stage will not extend further up. than the Fort

My Agent at Memphis. Capt. Fulton, informs me, under date of the 14th. Inst, that 800 Emigrants would be at that Place on the 22nd. or certainly between that date and the 28th. Inst. — all of whom Boats were Engaged & waiting their arrival, to convey them to the Mouths of White River. 4 of Barges to the Amt. two large flat boats had been procured, to convey their Horses & other Stock, to be towed in tow by the Steamers

Your letter of the 19th. Ultimo, was received by the Course of Mail, and the suggestions therein contained, in relation to drawing a portion of the Emigrants from Mississippi, shall not be lost sight of — The Contractors of the Emigration together with the uncertainty of Navigation, at the same time having a large supply under Contract, renders it not necessary to take any Steps in publishing Notices for future supplies,

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
J J Morrow Capt. as a
Asst. Qr. Mr. Gen.

Brig. Genl. Jno. Gibson
Comdg. Gen'l. of Subs.
Washington D.C.

Choctaw

Capt Jacob Brown
Little Rock A.T.

Nov 30th 1831

On the subject of issuing a qua
of corn to indians. (Capt B - had
not rec'd the circular authorizing
an increased issue). He was inf
ed that the losses of the emigran
have been fed with a gallon of
corn a day - will pack their
losses not articles necessary
be removed, and feed them &c.

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Recd Jany 7th. 1831.

Gn

Little Rock A T.
Decr. 30th. 1831.

I am informed, that the Agents
East of the Mississippi, are issuing a Quart of Corn
to the Emigrants per diem, and, from that have not
arrived at the part of the Country, beyond the Continuance
of that issue - I have thought proper, that the
[redacted]nt of the Ration, be increased, to that
[redacted]ity, but as I have not received any Official
notice of such increase, I cannot feel myself, justified
in ordering the delivery. I have therefore
directed the issue to be made as Established by
Circular. of the date of the 2d. of Septr last, at the
same time feeling much anxiety on the
subject, and desirous of obtaining something
Official, in relation thereto, write the best possible
[redacted]ay. I have written Col. Gaines. for a Copy of the
Authority, under which his Issues have been
made, & am also informed, that the Horses
belonging to & accompanying the Emigrants, have
been fed with a Gallon of Corn each, per diem
and that, that delivery. is also demanded - I am
upon those no Authority to Contract such Expenditure. But as directed, handing their Horses
with, such Articles, as must necessary be consumed

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I should have fed them with corn, - but had rather
[illegible] should have, the remainder and be body under
reciprocal retaliations & [illegible] than a war allow-
ance, to be claimed by them

On the [illegible] of the occasion, to
which the above, refers I have ventured to refer you as
a witness to the person herewith,

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Ob. Servt
J. Brown Colo. 1st Army
Inspector Genl. Light Troops

Brigr. Gen. Greene
Comg. Gen. of Light
Troops &c.

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(Copy)

Little Rock A.T.
Nov. 20th 1867

Sir

In Answer to your enquiry in relation to issuing additional Corn to the Choctaws, I have to Inform that I have not received any instructions to add to the quantity already established by the treaty of 1866 - regulating which quantity a Return in the Commissariat Department, for which I send a copy of one received from the Office, I have to request that you will make a Requisition from which I will make the issues to the Indians, and I have no doubt but that you will receive the same promptly,

I have also to inform you that I have written to Genl Gaines to ascertain the number of Choctaws he would recommend for additional issues of Corn, which recommendation has been made to the Commissioner, previous to their arriving at the mouth of the Caney - I have also written to Genl Gibson at Washington City, & the same is sent from me to the Superintendency to my Communication in the known time you will receive, Instructions & an additional Quantity of Corn, to Issue to the Emigrants, for such issues you will make separate returns and in issuing them Provisions, stores, you will be governed by your own discretion and the necessity of the case,

In relation to your enquiry, whether Troops will be allowed the stores belonging to Commissariat

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the Emigrants, shews to them that I have not been instructed by the Government to furnish them, but discouraging the idea that any provision should be made for the future support of the Emigrants, particularly at this late period of the season, you will furnish to each adult Emigrant of the following ages, but in case they should want the privilege of purchasing said Stores at a reasonable rate with the Public Stores, as they are desirous of coming forward, to their new Country.

In Complying with the foregoing instructions, you are authorized to procure the Cash required for that purpose by Contract, or by purchase, as may be deemed most advantageous, to the interests of Government. You will receive such other provisions to answer the wants and demands of the Emigrants, as they may [illegible]

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J J Brown Capt 4th Regt
Superintg Ch. & Sub
Dept

Capt. J. D. Ryan 4th Regt
Superintg Ch. & Sub
Dept
with Stores &c

Remarks = The Emigrants on arriving at the post, demanded a grant of Corn, such as this Return shows that it had been promised to them by the agents East of the Mississippi, and when they were told by Capt Ryan, that no instructions had been received to issue the Rations they appeared dissatisfied, and in a manner that induced Capt R to believe, that any distrust of his words, - consequently with any instructions, shown appeared to instructions on the subject - and as it will be necessary to read these communications to them in order to shew that nothing was withheld by Capt R, he has made any com-

communication ~~with~~ in a manner that will convince them of the sincerity, - I cannot think that the additional issues are local - are only intended to be made East of the Mississippi if they are. the want of consequence will in my opinion, ~~is~~ be, - we ought to be extremely cautious, for to what an extent, and pernicious may be, if it comes to turn under the guise of an established allowance it will never be considered by them as subsistence, that is, they will always be asking for more, and if not given the same dissatisfaction will prevail as though the allowance was more moderate. To have it [redacted] occasionally to add will have the best possible [redacted] let the allowance be moderate with powers to add as circumstances require and that rather as a friendship for them, as the intention under which it is given.

J Brown

Camp 13 Choctaw

Capt Scott Brown

Little Rock A.T.

Nov 30th 1834

Some details as to the arrangements appointed Col P. Fulsom Israel Fulsom asst agent $2 or a day

Rec'd Jany 7th. 1832

Yrs.

Little Rock. A.T.
Nov 30th 1831

I am just informed, that upwards of 500. of the Emigrants, have arrived, at the Port, of Arkansas. they crossed it, at Pittsburgh, in Steam Boats, and were landed at the Port, on the 26th. Inst, [redacted] that

these Horses are coming, by land, to the Port, which is at this time the only, route the Steamb. can be pursued, - if the whole of the Emigrants take this route, and if reports are to be relied, on they will, I shall want additional Teams, and but few if any can be obtained in the Territory, I shall send to Memphis & Elsewhere, but what I obtain there and have to send, without suffering much

[redacted] steam to this place, and as much of them Baffled as possible, for it will be quite impracticable to convey much of it by land, it is now difficult, to get along with the Empty Wagons, besides there are a great many of the Emigrants that must Ride, the Aged & Sick, the Women & Children, of whom not a great deal must Walk, to Fort Smith. but,

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Jefferson about 500. probably more. whereon that
Number may be, they must go in Boats. I should
be glad an early date, I shall send them by Steam
but as there is little prospect of this, I have instructed
Lt Ryan, who is at the Fort, that so soon as it is ascer-
tained, what Number to be that port, to purchase
Boats & engage Crews to work them, - if they can be found
in that vicinity, if not to send an agent to Louisville
for them if it is found necessary to go so far,

Arrival of the Emigrants being daily, & exciting
much is felt & expressed, by them that C. P. Jackson / who
is agent Medicine man among them / should attend them
in the Capacity of Physician, I have given him that
appointment, also, as an assistant agent in the
Capacity of interpreter, &c. is necessary, I have appointed
for that purpose, Denis Julian Brother of the
above, & Five Three Orleans working for
the time they shall be employed - These Indians
are important persons in the Nation, and appear
Zealous in the cause of Emigration, and I deem
it good policy, to make permanent that feeling
if possible. I have directed Lt Ryan, to employ
as many of the Choctaws as possible, to select from
among them, Characters, & to organize a small corps
of pioneers, to go ahead & clear the Roads &
keep them so, all which I am confident will have a
good effect on the Emigrants,

Our progress will necessarily be slow

the decks are short, and the iron clad strong. And the whole surface of the country, is likewise covered with water, or morasses calculated as to render the travelling exceedingly bad.

Very Respectfully
I have the honor to be.
Your Obt.

J Brown Capt U.S.A
Insp R.I. Defences

Brig Genl. Geo Gibson
Comdg Genl of Army.
Washington D C

Esqrs 16 Choctaw
Capt. Nicl. Brown
Mc. Cook. N. C.
Dec 5th 1831

Respecting contracts for
building Cotton bridges
and repairing roads &c

Rec° Jany 7th 1852

Little Rock A.T.
Decr. 2°. 1851

Sir.

Upon communication of the 3°. and 4. ults.
are just received, and in relation to the subject
matter contained in the letter, I have to observe,
that at an early day after my arrival at this place.
I made a verbal agreement with Citizens who resides
in that portion of the Country, to make Ferry boats,
[redacted] the mail of this day I am informed,
that nothing has yet been done towards getting
them in readiness for use. I have therefore sent,
Clouds a bargain for erecting Bridges across
the Big Cornetot and the Cut off. of Little River, and
if there is time before the Emigrants arrive at that
place, a Bridge over the latter, if not a boat will
be placed there for present use,

But no contract has been entered into for
[redacted] Bridges by Mr Ryan and he was with
[redacted] to Bridge the Little Cornetot
I to repair some Roads, immediately, in his vicin-
ity. in a few days. I shall receive a Report, of the
state & Condition of the Roads, beyond Washington
and particularly. in the vicinity, of the place where
& I shall take such measures to make it Repair accordingly.

Brigr Genl. Geo Gibson
Comy Genl. of Subs.
Washington D.C.

I have the honor to be.
very Respectfully
Your Obedt.
J Bonnell Capt 3rd
Asst Q M Ft Smith

Capt Jno Stockton
Capt Jacob Brown

Little Rock A T
Dec 8th 1831

2300 Indians now at post
Arkansaw and will have with
them about 1000 horses. Some
details of removal by land
& water from Post Arkansas

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Rec'd Jany 7th 1832

Little Rock A. T.
Dec. 8th 1831

Steamboat 2500 Choctaws, are now at the port of Vicksburgh, and will have with them about 700 Horses, - I have Engaged, Steam to tow to this place a Flat, which together with the Steam Boat, [redacted] Indians Party. of 500 or over, [redacted] have Engaged Steam, to receive them, & convey them to their destination, as soon as possibly after their arrival. - if the Navigation does not fail me, I will have the Party above referred to, at this place, by the 15th Inst,

I am compelled to make large expenditures to the road & Bridges, between this and the Post, and the New Road, to which has been Contracted, the present season from the limits of the Territory, to this place inconsequence of the wet season cannot now be travelled. I will therefore have to expend the Ad ordered

Very Respectfully
I have the honor to be
your Obt Servt
J Brown Capt U.S.A
Superintg R.R.S. of Indns.

Genl Jno. Gibson
Comg Genl of Subs.
Washington D.C.

Endr. B Gloucester
Capt. J. Brown
Little Rock
Dec 15 18[illegible]

Speaks of the intensely c[illegible]
weather and the consequent d[illegible]
sufferings of the indians

Rec.d 13.th Jany

Sir

Little Rock. A.T
Dec 15.th 1831

In my last, I incidentally
mentioned the severe cold weather,
for the season, now which it has continued
[redacted]
has averaged about 12 degrees daily, the
6 days of severe cold, fell on the 5 & 8.th inst.
[illegible] highest. The River is frequently
impassable, being Choked with Ice, and
this morning is one of those instances, to
meet so severe cold weather, has been
before known by persons, in this section of
the country, and if it is with you, as it
pertains to your Northern location, you
must have a siberian winter of it;

This unexpected, Cold, weather, must,
produce much human suffering. And
from Consignees, many of those Gentle Readers,
& without much shelter, must suffer.

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It is impossible, to be otherwise, and my fondest
fears are that many of them will fall Victims, it
is impossible to make any progress, in accordance
-ance to their destination, Some have imported the
time of this Correction, an Overland journey but
Commenced, of about, 750 Miles, to be accomplished
at this-winter, through a Country little Settled and
literally impossible to any thing but wild beasts, save
~~[illegible]~~ with, such elements to contend with,
it is impossible Now to tell, all I can only say, that
I am inpaind to avail myself of the first favour
-able change, of the weather, with all the Steam
force, that can be obtained within the 100
Miles of this Place,

I have the honour to be
Your Excellency
Your Obedt,
J. J. Brown Lieut U.S.A
Ordnance Recd. Officer,

Brigr Genl Geo Gibson
Comdg Genl. of Ord.
Washington D. C.

Lieu Capt Brown's letter in relation to the
severe cold in December, and the consequent
suffering of the Indians

Copies of Chocta

Capt S. Brown

Dec (10) 1831

Little Rock

Acknowledges the receipt
of letter from Dept in re
lation to increasing the
Indian Ration

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Fis. Rec'd. 13th Jany

Little Rock A.T.
Dec. 10th 1851

Your letter dated the 14th ult.
is received and explains the intended
course to the Emigrants of which I wrote with
some concern of feeling on the 30th ultimo, and
I am now gratified to find that I have
understood the wishes of the Department in
relation to such cases; although I fear that
too much publicity has been given as well
as manner of dispensing the emigrants that the
same is an addition to be claimed. I shall how-
-ever adhere to the course pointed out to my
Agents, and if possible establish it as a gratui-
-tous delivery at the same time they shall
not want for subsistence.

I have the honor to be
Your Obt Servt
J J Brown Capt 1st C
asstg Q.M. Genl of the Ord

Brigr Genl Geo. Gibson
Comg Genl of Subs.
Washington D.C.

Camp 20 Choctaw

[illegible]

[illegible] 22 1831

Lt Ryan has arrived with [illegible]
emigrants, who have 150 hands
from post Arkansas, a party
from Memphis go to Ft Smith
of their number each 100
hands have gone on. Our wants
[illegible]

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Rec: 28 Janry

Little Rock A. T.
December 22nd 1831

Sir

Saint Ryan apt in the Removal & Subsistence of Indians arrived opposite this place with a party of Emigrants bound to the Red River Station of the Choctaw Country This party belongs to Nelsons district and in Number Six Hundred and ninety four this party left the Post of Arkansas on the 13th and although the weather has

[redacted]

been cold, I am happy to hear that none of them has been frosted = the greatest Inconvenience they have suffered in waggons-for by Jan having been employed - the Emigrants will cross the Arkansas tomorrow and encamp about three miles from this for a day or two until the hired waggons come in to bring them and recommence the march Saint Ryan will continue with this party to destination, this party (of 500) have with them

[redacted]

of one hundred horses, belonging to this party, from Memphis and obtained up the Arkansas by this Jn Jas Smith

I am in want of Funds, have not heard from the Estimate rendered 27th Oct last Jn 25000 - to be without Funds, at this time is terrible; for it is by that all powerful agency, that enables me to

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this coast of all stations to get any thing done, and
even with it, it is not without difficulty

I have the honour to be
Very Respectfully
Your Ob.t Servant

J. B. Ellis Asst. U.S.
Lieut. R.M. Commanding

To
Brig.r Genl. George Gibson
Comy Genl of Subsistence
Washington City
D.C.

Enrg. A Choctaw
Capt. J. K. Clark
Valls. July 23. 1831.

In relation to appointment
under the Choctaw Treaty.

Ellis

George Gibson
Com. Gen.l of Subsistence
Washington, City.

Baltimore
Feb 23d. 1831.

Genl.

I see by the National Intelligencer that the Choctaw treaty has been ratified by the Senate.

You were so good as to say that in the event of the removal of those Indians, you could possibly offer me a situation in assisting to supply them with provisions; if nothing has occured to change your intentions, will you please inform me, as it is my intention at present to leave here for my stations on Red River about the 1st. of March.

I am Sir,
With Great Respect
Your Mo Obt Servt
J. B. Clark
Capt 3d. Infty.

Genl. George Gibson
Com. Genl. of Subs.
Washington City.

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Copy: 2 Choctaw

Capt. J. B. Clark

Date Feb 26 1831

Address of his name previously

written about Indians ... Mile

Camp Bates 3 Miles

Genl. George Gibson

Com Genl. of Subsistence

Washington City

D. C.

28 July

Baltimore
Feb 26th 1831.

General,

I wrote to you on the 23d. inst. on the subject of the removal of the Choctaw Indians, and stated that I would probably leave here for Red River about the 1st. of March, it is now my intention to leave this place on the evening of the 2d. of March, (unless advised by you to the contrary)

Will you please inform me as to the probability of the removal of those Indians, and if they are to be removed, wheather or not you will require my services.

I am Sir.
With. Great Respect
Your Mo Obt. Servt.
J. B. Clark
Capt 3d Infy.

Genl. George Gibson
Com Genl. of Substs
Washington, City.

Camp Shackelford

St. L. Co. Mo.

Capt. Gibson Sept. 6. 1831

Have [illegible] delivery 30 mo...

[illegible] absent. Capt

Wilkinson is but [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible]

Lieut L. Co. Mo.

Rec.d 1 March

Head Quarters 7th Infantry
Cantonment Clarke 15 January 1831

Sir,

I have the honor to say, that your letter of the 3rd of November was received by the last mail; But in Consequence of the [redacted] Steamboat Officer on Expedition for Red River was detained yet some days. — I advised the Commanding Officer Captain Williams of your instructions, but in Consequence of the very temporary nature of his Command he appeared reluctant to designate an Officer to return me in the Subsistence, Quarter Master & Ordnance Departments over all of which I have the honor to preside. — I am yet undecided what route I shall take but believe that further instructions will reach me sooner at the Little Rock in this Territory than elsewhere. —

I am Sir,

[redacted] with the Greatest Respect.

Your Obt Servt

A. P. Walker

Capt U.S.A.

Comdg

To

Genl Winfield Scott

U.S.A.

Washington

D.C.

Enc. 14 Choctaw

Capt. J. B. Clark

Balto. March 5. 1831.

Rec'd an order from Adj
~~On Subsistence~~
Gen'l office to go to Ft. Smith
will set off.

PAID

General Georgs Gibson
Com. Genl. of Subsistence
Washington, City.

Rec'd
6 M[illegible]

Baltimore
March 5th 1861.

General,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an order from the Adjutant Generals Office, directing me to repair to Fort Smith, Arkansas and there await your instructions; I will accordingly set off immediately for that place.

I am Sir:
With Great Respect
Your Mo Ob Servt
[illegible]
Capt 3C. Infty.

Brevt. George Gibson
Com Genl of Subs.
Washington City.

...ary of Chickasaw

Lt. L. F. Carter

...ent. Gibson Jany 28th 1831

... leaves post next day - will

...main at Washita, Memphis

... till further orders. - would

...refer being stationed at Cairh

... and attend to issues on the

...the river, rather than to reside

...ore &c.

S.O.

Eaton

March 15th

Cantonment Gibson
25th January 1831.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit my Returns of Provisions for the present month, together with the Necessary Vouchers; [redacted] this quarter. I hope my accounts will

I have this just to obtain to your instructions of the 30th of November last, however, and hope that the information I shall require will be acceptable; the former will be performed with the least possible delay: I have freely Consulted with Dr. Gibson (who has been my adviser, ever since I have had the honor to serve under him) and shall in Conformity with his Advice, remain at Washington, Hempstead County, in that Territory until I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your [redacted]

Since I left home I have suspended me in the office of Asst. Commissary of Subsistence at this post and should you think it to my interest to remain on the duty to which I am assigned, I shall feel flattered in furthering your views: In which event, I should greatly prefer being permitted to establish my Residence at this post, at or near which place, I should like my family to remain on Account of Medical Attendance. - I will subject me to some

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Washington Mississippi Co[illegible]

Will make his report [illegible]

[illegible] 1831.

Gen[l] Geo[rge] Gibson

C. Gen[l] Sub[illegible]

Washington D.C.

Washington Hempstead County

March 21st Arkansas 9th July 1834.

Sir

I have the honor to inform You, that I
reached this place on the 8th Instant, on my way to
the vicinity of Capt. Towsons. I am pleased to
have it in my power to say, that I believe, my
expectations of the Department will be realized.
My report on the subject will be made as soon
as I have visited the upper white Settlements and this
River.

I am Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
A. S. Walker
U. S. A.

To.
Genl George Gibson
C. G. S.
Washington
D. C.

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Schuetze

Lt. Carter

[illegible] transmitted by order of J.
17 July 1831
Reports upon the State of the
[illegible]ty in the neighborhood of Cant.
[illegible]ourton &c, as to the means of [illegible]
[illegible]ying provisions for subsisting the
emigrating indians

28 March

Washington Hempstead County
Arkansas 17th July 1831.

Dear Sir

I have the honor to say, that in obedience to your instructions of the 30th. Instant, last, I have visited the Country in the vicinity of Cantt Towson, and also the principal Settlements in Hempstead and [redacted] Counties, which together with the Counties of Pulaski, Clark and [redacted] I have also permission to the Choctaw Country with, I have no doubt, be able to supply the provisions required to subsist the Indians expected to emigrate to this Country; this opinion is founded upon the representations of intelligent Gentlemen of the Country, whose veracity cannot be questioned, and upon personal observations. Every proper exertion has also been used to induce the farmers of Hempstead and their Counties to engage largely in the cultivating of Corn, as it is found that the Country that the supply must be furnished, and I am gratified in being able to report, that this part of rating will be abundantly can be furnished at a reasonably cheap rate by the ensuing fall.

Establishments for the manufactory of Salt, in this part of the Country are very numerous and will at any time be ready to furnish the required quantity of this article. I am assured that at this moment, the four Counties, named the Choctaw Country can furnish at least 1500 Barrels any number of Bags, 6000 Bushels of Corn and Salt in large quantities, but supposing this an exaggerated account. I am convinced the Settlements on the Arkansas River will more than make up any deficiency

Envy Chesterfield 10

Lt. L. Z. Carter

Washington Arkansas March 26. 1831

Has seen Lt. Stephenson, and concluding that he need not stay where he writes from, will go immediately to Fort Gibson

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Recd 2 May

Washington

Thursday 26th March 1830.

Sir

I have the honor to inform Gen. that having seen Dr. Upshaw and in a recent visit to the upper settlements I have concluded that my remaining here longer is unnecessary I have therefore determined to return to Capt. Gibson with the least practicable delay.

I am, Sir

Very Respectfully

Yr. obt. Servt.

S. H. Chester

Lt. & A. C. S. 7th Infty.

Genl George Gibson

C. G. S.

Washington D. C.

Comy 1st Choctaw

Captain J. B. Clark

Fort Smith April 13th 1831.

Detachment not arrived. The

Buildings of the old fort in bad order

with repair some & reinstated the

Detachment not arrived from Fort

Gibson. The resources of the

country have been exaggerated

Rec.d 28 May

Fort Smith
April 13th 1831.

Genl

Owing I presume to the great length of time it req. [redacted] letter to reach this place from Washington, your [redacted] has not been received by me

I find the buildings of the old Fort in a much worse condition than I had anticipated, the floors, doors, and windows, are destroyed, and logs tourn out of the body's of most of the houses, the sills and bottom logs in all are decaying rapidly, and the houses sinking to the ground, the roofs are falling in on many, and much decayed on all.

I will repair some of the buildings as they now stand to answer a temporary purpose, and by taking down others that are too much decayed to be of any service as they now are, I will get logs to erect buildings on other sites. The Detachment ordered from Capt. Gibson to repair the buildings, has not yet arrived.

I apprehend that the resources of this Territory have been greately exagerated, in traveling by land

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from Little Rock to this place, I took every opportunity to ascertain the possible quantity of Beef cattle, and corn that could be purchased, corn is scarce on the river below this place, and unless the Creek Indians has corn to sell, I am induced to believe that no considerable quantity could be purchased on the Arkansas river, I am informed that many Beef cattle have been sent to New Orleans during the present Season, and that many died last winter owing to the severity of the weather.

I am Sir
with Great Respect
Your Mo. Obt. Servt.

J. B. Clark
Capt. 3d Infty.

Bvt. Genl. George Gibson
Com. Genl. of Subs.
Washington, City.

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Captain J. B. Clark

Fort Smith April 23. 1831

I am unable to do any thing for want of instructions — The business season is rapidly passing. — The river will be up again in May. &c

Rec.d 28 May

Fort Smith
April 23.d 1831.

General.

I wrote to you on the 13.th inst. informing you that no instructions had been received by me, and that the Detachments ordered from Genl. Gibson, for the purpose of repairing the buildings had not arrived. I am still left in the same situation, and as I cannot anticipate your instructions, I am unable to make any arrangements until they are received, no Washington mail is expected at this place until the 26.th inst, the mail that should have left here on the 16.th inst, on its way to Little Rock &c. failed.

The business seasons on this River is passing off rapidly, the river is now so low that I doubt if Steam boats could come to this place, a rise is expected next months, but the navigation of the Arkansas

is so very precarious that no certain calculation can be made on Steam boats running to this place

By a reference to papers printed at Little Rock, you may see that great complaint is made about the failure of mails for some time past, I regret the irregularity very much as it may throw many obsticles in the way of my operations in this country.

I am Sir
With Great Respect
Your Mo. obt. Servt.
A. B. Clark
Capt. 3d Infty

Br. Genl. George Gibson
Com. Genl. of Subsistence
Washington City

Enrg 13. Choctaw

Capt. J. B. Clark

Ft Brady Sept 27 '38

Detachment from Dr. Public Service

Asst Gibson, arrived. J. B. Clark

Pvt Germain Sept 30 Pay

& Cloths

Free

Br. Genl. George Gibson

Com Genl. of Subsistence

Washington, City

D. C.

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Fort Smith
April 5th 1831.

Rec'd June 2

Genl.

I wrote to you on the 23d ult informing you that no instructions had been received from you, the mail due at this place yesterday failed to arrive, consequently I am still without your instructions, the mail to this place is so uncertain that no calculations can be made on receiving letters, I send this to Little Rock by private conveyance to be mailed at that place; will you please send a Duplicate of your instructions as I apprehend that the original has been lost on the way.

The Detachment from Capt. Gibson arrived at this place last evening, I will immediately commence repairing the buildings for Store houses.

I am Sir
with Great Respect
Your Obt. St.

J. B. Clark
Capt 3d Infty

Bt. Genl. George Gibson
Com. Genl. of Subst
Washington City

Lieut 14 Infantry
Capt. N. B. Clark
Ft Smith May 6 1831.

Colonel Arbuckle is of opinion that his men will be paid for their extra work in rep[g]. the buildings at Ft Gibson.

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Rec'd 11th June 1831

Wm Stark Smith
May 6th 1831.

Genl Gratiot.

I have the honor herewith to enclose a copy of a letter written to you on the 27th ultimo, the mail due here on the 3d inst. arrive & but brought no letter or notice from you.

The season for boating on the Wabash river is passing away, the water is now almost as low, as it usually is in the Summer.

From a letter received from Col. Archibald the Surveyor, that the men of his Regiment at this place, will receive extra pay, for work done on public Buildings, I will thank you for information on that subject, an account of the days they work will be kept, and Muster Rolls made out to be used if necessary.

I am Sir
with great respect
Your Mo. Obt. servt.
S. B. Mc Carty
Capt. 2d. Regt.

Genl. George Gibson
Com. Genl. of Subs.
Washington City.

Comp 15 Choctaw

Capt. D. D. Clark

Ft. Smith. May 10. 1831

Has rec'd letter of 31. March

with forms.

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Rec'd 9 June

Fort Smith
May 30th 1831.

General.

Your communication of the 31st March, ultimo, accompanied by a set of forms for issues to Indians, blank contracts, &c, was received by the days mail, it is now I fear reduced to a certainty, that your letter of instructions has been lost on the way to this place, it places me in a very unpleasant situation, as I have no doubt you have required arrangements to be made, which I cannot do for want of instructions, should however any Choctaw Indians arrive at this place, I will use every effort to supply them with provisions, presumeing that it is your wish it should be done.

I am Sir
With Great Respect
Your Mo Obt. Servt
J. B. Clark
Capt. 3d Infy

Br Genl George Gibson
Com. Genl of Subs
Washington City

Enrg 16 Choctaw

Capt. C. B. Clark

Fort Smith May 1st. '31

Has rec'd letters of 3th & 8th

Ajent & packets of forms

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Copy.

15 Inst.

Fort Smith
May 17th 1831.

General.

Your letters of 5th & 8th April, ults, accompanied by an extract of a report of Majors Davis and Reynolds, to the Secty of War, also two sketches of forts, were received by this days mail.

I will proceed as directed to Little Rock, and as soon as practicable report on the subjects required by your order of 5th April.

I have instructed Lt. Davis who has command of the Detachment of the 7th Infty, at this place, to continue the repairs of the public buildings for Store houses.

With Great Respect
Your Mo. Obt. Servt
J. B. Clark
Capt 3d Infty.

Genl. George Gibson
Com. Genl. of Subs
Washington, City.

Emig 17 Choctaw

Capt. J. B. Clark

Little Rock May 23d 1831.

Has recd. letters of 15th & 20th inst. would prefer ready money to drafts; can't dispose of them to advantage

(Duplicate)

15 June

Little Rock
May 23.d 1831.

General,

I had the honor on the 17.th inst. to acknowledge the receipt of your communications of 5.th & 8.th of April. On my arrival at this place, I received a letter of the 16.th & 20.th of April, and was informed by the Post-master, that he had a few days before forwarded to Fort Smith, two letters addressed by you to me, they will not be brought back before the 2.d of June.

By yours of the 8.th of April, I am advised that a deposit of Ten thousand dollars, has been placed to my credit at New Orleans, it would be of great advantages and convenience in my operations, if money could be had at this place, as in making payment for provisions, I doubt very much if a check on New Orleans, would be received, especially where the amount is small, and I am informed that Merchants and Traders, take very little money from

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this Territory to New Orleans, but make their payments for in part in fur, skins, and the produce of the country, consequently they will not have it in their power to cash checks drawn on that place, to any large amount.

I will as soon as practicable, inform you of the number of Ox teams that may probibly be hired from Citizens, from what I can learn I believe that a greater number of horse, than ox teams could be hired.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Mo Obt St

J. B. Clark
Capt & A. D. Army.

Genl. George Gibson
Com Genl. of Subs
Washington City

Copy 18 Choctaw

Capt. J. B. Clark

Little Rock May 24. 1831

Recommends provisions for

Little Rock, Washa &c to

be purchased at Louisville

(Duplicates)

15th June

Little Rock
May 24th 1831.

General,

In your letter of the 5th. of April, you say, "The following is a suggestion of Majors Gains & Reynolds," If a deposit of twenty thousand rations of good bacon or salted pork, and sweet flour was immediately made at each of the following places, Viz. Helena, Little Rock, Washington, &c. &c."

Should you decides on haveing a deposit of flour & pork at the above places, I presume you will direct the purchase to be made by Capt J. P. Taylor at Louisville, as those articles could not be had here, except at a very high price, and Capt Taylor could ship the quantity required at Helena to be landed at that place, and that wanted for this place and Washington by the Mouth of Ushate river, to this place.

I am Sir,
With Much Respect
Your Mo. Obt. Servt.
J. B. Clark
Capt U. S. Army

Genl. George Gibson
Com Genl. of Subs
Washington City.

Camp 19 Choctaw

Capt J. B. Clark

Little Rock May 24. 31

There is a good supply of water on the "Ft. Smith road" and the "Little Rock & Washington road" — people are preparing in expectation of furnishing provisions &c — Can get corn but little or no Forage &c —

(Duplicate)

Rec'd 15 June

Little Rock
May 24th. 1831.

General,

In answer to that part of your communication of the 5th. of April, directing me to inform myself as to the supply of water on the Fort Smith route, I have to state that in traveling from that place a few days since by land, I made a point of enquiring along the road, and learned that, when the season is very dry water is not abundant, but in a general way there is a sufficiency for traveling purposes; and from the very great number of Streams on the way, some of which are large, I would suppose that emigrants would not suffer for want of water.

I believe that farmers generally on the Arkansas river, above this place, and in the settlements on the road &c to Fort Smith, have planted much more corn than usual, in expectation of the Indians being sent that route.

In relation to the routes from this place

Envoy 20 Choctaw

Capt. W.B. Clark

Little Rock May 26th 1831.

Shall the Indians be supplied

by purchase or contract &c

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Little Rock
May 26th 1831.

General,

Having received no instructions from you on the subject, I am at a loss to know whether it is your wish, that the Indians shall be supplied by special purchase on the route from where they may cross the Mississippi to their new home, or by contract.

Very Respectfully
Your Mo. Obt. Servt.
J. B. Clark
Capt 4 U. S. Army.

Genl. George Gibson
Com Genl of Subs.
Washington, City.

Doing 21 Chocktaw

Capt. L. B. Clark

Little Rock. May 25. 31

Has advertised for 60 pairs
of oxen, will receive proposals
till 6th July ins. Also for
50 Good horses.

Regrets that agents have
not arrived

Rec.d 23 June

Little Rock
May 25.th 1831

General,

I have made an advertisement which will be inserted in the two papers of this place, requesting proposals to be made for furnishing Sixty pair of Oxen, (thirty teams of 4 each,) between the age of 5. and 9. years old, to be in good order, well broke to work, and no ox to weigh less than Six hundred pounds, I have fixed the time for receiving proposals to the 6.th of July next, and the delivery of the oxen, between the 20.th and 31.st August, I have agreed to receive proposals for an number between three and ten pair, so that those who have but few to sell may have an opportunity of doing so; I have also advertised that I will purchase for the United States between the 20.th & 31.st of August next, Fifty good substantial wagon horses, (10. teams,) between the age of five and eight years old, fifteen hands high and upward, not knowing where the wagons will be delivered, or where they will be first required, I have fixed this as the place where horses and oxen will be received.

The highest price I have no doubt will be expected by the people of this Territory for every thing that may be wanted for removing or subsisting Indians, much I have no doubt will depend on your agents for carrying the removal &c into

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operation, I regret that some of them have not arrived, as the extent of country over which the Indians must scatter, and the scarcity of settlements on some parts of the roads, and consequently of supplies in those places, will require the unremitted attention and exertions of your agents.

Teamsters for the wagons with the Persons have to be employed, and I greatly fear that the number that will be required, of men qualified, will be very difficult to hire in this country.

I am Sir
With Great Respect
Your Mo Obt. Servt.
J. B. Clark
Capt. U. S. Army.

General George Gibson
Com. Genl. of Subs
Washington, City.

Recd 22 Expectg

Capt. W. B. Clark

Little Rock June 4th

Urges the advantages of having
ready money instead of
paying with drafts &c

Oxen & horses are dear

Rec'd 30 June

Little Rock
June 4th 1831.

General

In my letter to you of the 26th. May, I stated my belief of the advantage that would result from drawing money at this place instead of drawing on New Orleans I am now more fully convinced of what I then stated, and fear that drafts would not be received, particularly for small sums, unless cash could be had for them here.

The amount received for public land sold here is very inconsiderable, and the receiver sent just before my arrival what was on hand to New Orleans, consequently but little, can be expected from that source; unless an arrangement can be made to pay for horses and Oxen at the time of purchase, I doubt if they can be obtained.

I find that persons who have Oxen for sale expect to receive for them from forty five, to sixty dollars a pair, and that good horses are dear in proportion, indeed they seem to expect a high price for

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~~No 23~~ Choctaws

Capt. J. B. Clark

Little Rock June 5th 1831

But few ox teams can be hired in that County. There are more horse than ox teams - Shall teams be issued to?

Rec'd 30 June

Little Rock
June 5th 1831.

General,

In reply to that part of your letter of the 5th inst.
directing me to ascertain if ox teams can be hired from
ens, and in what numbers, I have to state that all
the information I have been able to colect is that
there are not a great number of ox teams in the
country, and it is doubtful what number can be had
at the time they will be required, as farmers gathe
their corn about the 1st of July, I presume however
that several can be hired, there are I believe
more horse than ox teams in this Territory.

I am informed either horses or ox teams
[redacted]
n Shawnees, please inform me if they are to be sub
sisted &c, as the Indians.

With Great Respect
Your Ob. Ser't.
J. B. Clark
Capt U. S. A

Gen'l George Gibson
Com. Gen'l of Subs.
Washington City.

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Enc. 24 Choctaw

Capt. L.D. Clark.

Little Rock June 3. 1831.

Supplies may be had for the Indians while on the route by way of Washington, — But depots will be necessary. — Water — Agents — &c

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Recd 1 July

Little Rock
June 30 1831.

General,

I have just returned from an excursion to the South made with a view to ascertain if Supplies can be had for Indians in the west of the route by the way of Washington in Hempstead County being Selected.

I am induced to believe, should the season prove favorable for raising corn, there will be a sufficiency for the Indians while on their way, between this place and Washington, but as the Settlements on some parts of the road are distant from each other say 9. 12 & 14 miles from house to house and but little if any thing to be purchased at some of them, it will be necessary to have deposites at convenient distances,

I am apprehensive that there will be a scarcity of water on some parts of the route, not greater perhaps than on any other that might be selected through this Territory.

Difficulties in obtaining Supplies on some parts of any route that may be selected, will no

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doubt occur, to remove them as far as practicable will require great attention. allow me respectfully to ask if it would not be well to send your agents on as soon as convenient, that they may have an opportunity of gaining as much information as possible of the resources of the Territory.

I am Sir

[redacted]

Your Mo. Obt. Sr.

F. B. Clark

Capt. U. S. Army.

General George Gibson

Com. Genl. of Subs.ce

Washington, D.C.

Chas 2d Choctaw

Wm. S. Colquhoun

Washington July 5th 1831.

Reports for duty.

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Rec'd July 5th.

Washington 5th July 1831

Sir

Agreeably to my appointment
I have the honor to report for duty
forthwith in your Department

Very Respectfully
Your Ob. Sv.
Wm S. Colquhoun
Special Indian Agent

Major James H. Hook
Acting Asst Gen of Subs
Washington

Envy 26 Chastaw

Capt. J.B. Clark

Little Rock June 16th 1831

Mr Folsome has passed through that place from a visit to the new country.

- Vc &c -.

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Rec'd July 4th

Little Rock
June 16th 1831.

General,

Mr. Folsome, a Choctaw passed through this place yesterday on his return to the Choctaw nation, from a visit to their new country, made for the purpose of satisfying himself and friends as to the quality of the land &c, and to select a residence, he is an intelligent man, and gives a very favorable account of their new country, he thinks it superior to that they are about to leave, he conversed with many of the Choctaws who have already removed, and states that they are generally much pleased with the exchange, his report will no doubt have a good effect, on his return home.

Mr. Folsome traveled the road from Capt. Towson to Washington, and states that it is passable for waggons, that there are settlements more than half the distance, and he thinks there will be a sufficient supply of water for the Indians on that route.

I am Sir
With Great Respect.
Your Mo. Obt. Servt.
J. B. Clark
Capt. U. S. A.

Genl. George Gibson
Com. Genl. of Subst.
Washington, City.

June 16th Choctaw
1831

From Capt
J. B. Clark

Folsom has returned
from exploring the Choctaw
Country lately and is
much pleased with
it.

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Little Rock June 16. 1831.

Copy

General,

Mr Folsome, a Choctaw, passed through this place yesterday on his return to the Choctaw nation, from a visit to their new country made for the purpose of satisfying himself and friends as to the quality of the land &c. and to select a residence. He is an intelligent man and gives a very favorable account of their new country; he thinks it superior to that they are about to leave. He conversed with many of the Choctaws who have already removed, and states that they are generally much pleased with the exchange. His report will no doubt have a good effect on his return home.

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I am Sir
with great respect
Your Ob. St.
(Signed) D B Clark
Capt U. S. A

Genl Geo Gibson
Com Gen Subs.
Washn City

Ending 27 Choctaw

Capt. N. B. Clark

Little Rock July 2-1831.

Relative to Subsisting the Indians on the Arkansas river.

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Triplicate

Rec'd 23d July

Little Rock
July 21st. 1831.

General,

I had the honor on the 1st inst. to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 4th June, and informed you that your letter of the 11th April, has not been received, it is remarkable that neither the first, or Duplicate, of your letter of that date has not come to hand, it is greatly to be regretted as I presume it contains instructions the object of which may be retarded or destroyed in consequence of its loss.

Previous to leaveing Fort Smith, I was informed by Capt M.Cleland the Choctaw Sub Agent, that the number of Choctaws then on the Arkansas was very small, my impression is he stated that they did not exceed fifteen, and that he had made a temporary arrangement to supply them with rations, as I had received no specific instructions as to the nature of my duties in this country, I did not interfere with his arrangements, I have written to him requesting that they may continue to be supplied for the present, and that I will pay for the amount issued, I presume it is your intention to have an agent in that part of the country to issue to the Indians that may settle there.

Very Respectfully
Your Mo. Obt. Servt.
J.B. Clark
Capt U.S.A.

Genl. George Gibson
Com Genl. of Subs.
Washington, City.

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Brigadier Gen't George Gibson

Comy Gen of S.

Washington City

D. C.

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Rec.d 26 July

Louisville 17th July 1831

Sir

In accordance with my instructions I have to report my arrival at this place on my way to Little Rock where I expect to be ten days hence. I learn that the Arkansas River is high & from what Capt Taylor told me last evening I think it not unlikely he will ship the provisions in time to avoid the dept of that facility. If he does not immediately I shall leave in the Niagara the first boat for the Mississippi.

Permit me to suggest as points of embarkation per St. Boats for the Northwestern districts, Memphis for the Southeastern Natchez – the landing of the first at the Post of Arkansas or if the water permits Little Rock – of the last at Alexandria (Rapids of Red River) or at Natchitoches if the river is high enough – The young men could take their part hereby across the Mississippi & through the Swamps to the Points of debarkation.

I have the honor to be very respectfully Sir Your Obt. Servt.

Wm. S. Colquhoun
Special Dt. Agent

General George Gibson
Comy Gen. of S

Vinig 24 Choctaw
Capt. J. B. Clark
Little Rock July 2. 1831

The numbr of Choctaws on
the Arkansas river very
small. Presumes the Dpt.
will have an agent there

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Duplicate

Rec'd July 29th

Little Rock

July 2/e 1831.

General,

I had the honor on the 15th instant to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 4th of June, and informed you that your letter of the 11th April, has not been received, it is remarkable that neither the first or Duplicate, of your letter of that date has come to hand, it is greatly to be regretted as I presume it contained instructions the object of which may be retarded or destroyed in consequence of its loss.

Previous to leaving Fort Smith, I was informed by Capt McClelland the Choctaw Sub Agent, that the number of Choctaws then on the Arkansas was very small, my impression is that he stated they did not exceed fifteen, and that he had made a temporary arrangement to supply them with rations, as I had received no specifics instructions as to the nature of my duties in this country, I did not interfere with his arrangements, I have written to them requesting that they may continue to be supplied for the present, and that I will pay for the amount issued, I presume it is your intentions to have an agent in that part of the country to issue to the Indians that may settle there

Very Respectfully
Your Mo. Obt. Servt.
J. B. Clark
Capt U. S. A.

Genl. George Gibson
Com. Genl. of Subs
Washington City.

Comp 30 Choctaw
Capt. N. B. Clark
Little Rock July 3. 182
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nants more money.

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Duplicate,

Rec'd July 27th.

Little Rock,
July 30 1881.

General,

In consequence of the high price demanded for horses and oxen in this country, which will nearly exhaust the amount of money I have on hands to purchase the number of teams [redacted] your letter of 11th. April, I have to request that you will please cause an additional remittance to be made to me on account of the removal and subsistence of Indians. I fear that I will not have it in my power to purchase teams at less than the following rates viz

50. Horses say at	$80. each.....	$4000.
60 Pair Oxen do	60. per pair	3600.
		7600.

[redacted] ing that to be about the rate at which purchases be made, it will leave less than $2400. on hands, applicable to the purchase of supplies for Indians and incidentals expenses.

I am Sir
With the Great Respect
Your Mo Obt Servt
S.B. Holabird
Capt U.S.A

Genl. George Gibson
Com Gen. of Subs
Washington City.

Wm S. Colquhoun

Louisville Ky 20th 1831.

Will leave that place next
day for Little Rock with the
provisions purchased by Capt.
Taylor for the indians

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Ja Ku: 30 July

Ft Coffeeville 20th July 1834

I had intended leaving Yesterday in the Niagara for White River, but just before starting; Captain Taylor suggested I should accompany & take charge of the supplies for the Indians, to which I agreed and tomorrow leave here with them in the Steam Boat Volante for Little Rock direct.

We have had much rain & the Arkansaw River is reported to be very high, leaving not the least doubt of a safe & speedy trip.

I am Sir
Very respectfully
Yr. Ob. Svt.
Wm. Lovejoy
Capt. 3d. Inf.

Genl George Gibson
Comy Genl. of Subs
Washington

Emi 32 Choctaw

Capt. S. B. Clark

Little Rock June 30. 1831.

Sundry Acc't. current &c &c

for 2d qr 1831

Rec'd 30 July

Little Rock
June 30th 1831.

General,

I have the honor herewith to enclose to you, my Account Current, Abstract, and Vouchers, for the 2d Quarter of 1831. also my Property Returns and Vouchers, of the same period.

I am Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your Mo Obt Servt.
S.B. Clark
Capt U.S.A.

Genl. George Gibson
Com General of Subsistence
Washington, City.

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Dear 33 Chocktaws

Capt. S. B. Clark.

Little Rock July 1. 1831

Have rec'd letter of 4 June with

copy to Lt Stephenson

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Rec.d 3d July

Little Rock
1st July 1831.

General,

I have just rec.d yours of the 4th ult. accompanied by a copy of a letter to Lt Fleischmann.

You inform me that instructions were forwarded on the 5th & 11th of April, yours of the 5th has been received, but not of the 11th April

I write in haste as the mail is about to close.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
J. B. Clark
Capt 1st U.S. A.

Genl Geo. Gibson
Com. Genl of Subs
Washington City

Copy 34 Choctaw
Capt. J. B. Clark
Little Rock July 10. 1831.
to
Is informed by the agent sent by Capt Taylor to the mouth of White River that twenty wagons are for them at Regets the purchase of heavy wagons.

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Duplicate

Rec'd 4 Aug

Little Rock
July 10th 1831.

General

I have just been informed by the Agent sent by Capt D.P. Taylor to the Mouth of white river that twenty of the Wagons are calculated for three pair of oxen each, it will therefore be necessary to purchase twenty pair of oxen more than I had intended.

The purchase of the new wagons is to be regretted on several accounts, they are in my opinion not well adapted to the roads of this country, there is great difficulty in hiring teamsters capable of driving three pair of oxen, and they cause much additional expence in the purchase of teams and forage.

I took the liberty on the 3d inst. to request that you will please cause an additional remittances to be made to me on account of the removals and Subsistence of Indians.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Mo. Obt. Servt.
J.B. Clark
Capt. U.S.A.

Genl. George Gibson
Com. Genl. of Subs
Washington City.

Encl 35 Cherokees

Capt. S. B. Clark.

Little Rock. July 16. 1831

Cher the Indians' horses to be ferried over rivers by the U. S.

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Augt. 10 1/2

Little Rock
July 16th 1831.

General,

I had the honor on the 12th inst. to enclose to you a list of bids for furnishing oxen, with a remark set opposite to each that had been accepted, "William Montgomery" who had proposed to furnish ten pair, has returned the articles of agreement to me declineing to sign them, unless I will include ten horses that I have not seen at eighty dollars each, you will perceive by the enclosed advertisement that I do not design to purchase horses by contract.

Please inform me if horses the property of Indians are to be ferryed over Rivers at the expence of the United States.

Very Respectfully
Your Mo. Obt. Servt.
S.B. Clark
Capt U.S.A.

General George Gibson
Com'y Genl of Subs
Washington City.

Emy 38 Choctaw

Capt. J. B. Clark

Little Rock July 12th 1831

Encloses abstracts of bids for furnishing oxen. The number required to complete the teams will be purchased at private sale.

Rec? 12 aug?

Little Rock
July 12th 1831.

General,

I have the honor herewith to enclose to you an abstract of bids for furnishing oxen for the removal of Indians, the number still required to complete the teams will be purchased at private sale

I am Sir
With Great Respect
Your Mo. Obt. Servt.
J. B. Belark
Capt. U. S. A.

Genl. George Gibson
Com? Genl. of Subsistence
Washington City.

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Abstract of proposals
for furnishing Capt. J. B.
Clark with rations for the
removal of the Indians

Little Rock July 6th 1831.

Abstract of Proposals to furnish Oxen for the removal of Indians. Received by Capt. N.B. Clark, U.S.A. at Little Rock, Ark. Ter. to the 6th of July 1831

Names of Bidders	Price per Pair		No. of Pair	Remarks.
	Dolls	cts		
Welborn & Pinkard	50 & 70	"	3	Not Accepted
David Hall	50 . 75	"	3	Do
Langston Drummet	60 . .	"	1	Do
Menefee & Greer	60 . .	"	1	Do
Charles Wolfe	66 . .	66⅔	3.	Do
Abijah Davis	75 . .	"	1	Do
Johnston & Sims	69 . .	50	6.	Do
D. V. Grayson	70 . .	"	6	Do
Michael Owens	70 . .	"	1	Do
M. F. Taylor	75 & 85	"	6	Do
Mathew Gray	75 . .	"	6	Do
David Roberts	75 . .	"	6	Do
James Dennis	80 . .	"	1	Do
Abraham Sennet	45 . .	"	2	Accepted
John S. Moore	48 . .	33⅓	3.	Do
Hardy Jones	52 . .	"	1	Do
William Montgomery	50 . .	"	10.	Do
Francis Sennet	52 . .	"	1	Do
Abraham Sennet	50 . .	"	1.	Do
Lorenzo N. Blanke	57 . .	"	20.	Do
Johnston & Sims	55 . .	"	6	Do
B. F. Howard	59 . .	"	5.	Do
Bentley & Lewis	60 . .	"	4	Do
John Brooks	60 . .	"	3.	Do
John M. Rutherford	60 . .	"	1.	Do
Nicholas Drummet	60 . .	"	15.	Not Accepted

N.B. Clark
Capt. U.S.A.

Little Rock, A.T.
July 12th 1831

Evening 37 Chocktaw

Mr. H. T. Colquhoun

Post of Arkansaw July 27th 1831

Arrived here with Subs. for Little Rock. owing to shoalness of water has stored them. — Will go to L Rock and return over the prairie to Capt Clark

Post of Ark. is a good place for discembarking stores during low water period

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Rec'd 15th Aug.

Post of Arkansaw
27 July 1831

Sir

I arrived here last evening in the St. Boat Volant with the Indians destined for Little Rock, & owing to the shoalness of the river have been obliged to land the supplies & store them with Mr. Hewes till all proper transportation can be procured. I shall as soon as the storage is effected leave for Little Rock in order to place the funds that may be in the hands of Capt Clark. During the low water period I know of no place more eligible than this for the disembarkation of Indians from Memphis & Vicksburg. They would with the aid of waggons always lying at the mouth of White River be able to reach the upper Country by Little Rock & Hempstead C.H. with ease in a reasonable time. Should the Department make this place a landing for the emigrants, the Provisions now in store here would be opportunely

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deposited & as this letter will go by the
Steamboat to Louisville a diffrent dis-
position might be directed in time.
The wagons are very strong well made
& will be a long time serviceable in
transporting Provisions & Stores — About 20
to run from this place L. Rock & 10 to Camp
Phenix (old Fort Towson) & 10 to Fort Smith
from Little Rock. — It is very important
that points of embarkation should be
fixed & I beg to be permitted to recom-
mend Memphis & Vicksburg for this Point
& Natchez for (Rapides of Red River) Alexandria
or perhaps it would be more advan-
tageous to send them all through this place
I have heard nothing of Le flore &
have been unable to learn any thing
respecting him from any person here
or at White River. It is very likely
down the River & very few Steam Boats running
so that some delay must be anticipated

in my excursion to the Choctaw nation.
With an assurance of my best endeavors
to facilitate & effect the removal of the
Indians I remain Yr. very ob. Servt
Wm. S. Colquhoun
Spec. Dr. Agt.

P.S. I have to remark in relation to a
bond that on being furnished with a blank
the necessary security will be
without delay. Respy. W.S.C.

Doct 38 Choctaw

Captain J B. Clark,

Little Rock July 23d 1831

The beef to be had in that County has been overrated. The price has already advanced & people believe the U. S. will be obliged to purchase at any price. The quantity of beef required for 5000 Indians, of cattle averaging 500 lb. will be 450 head per month.

Corn is selling for 75 cts & $1.00 p. bushel &c &c

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Duplicate,

Rec'd Augt 18th

Little Rock

July 23d 1831.

General,

I have before expressed an opinion that the quantity of beef and corn that could be obtained in this country has been very greatly overrated, and all the information I have collected on the subject, strengthens that belief, it is true many of the farmers have large Stocks of cattle, but the number fit for beef is comparatively small, and they are generally so wild that it is very difficult to drive or herd them, the price of beef cattle has already advanced, from a belief that the United States will be compelled to purchase at any prices, this unfortunately is too true, and I fear that every advantage will be taken.

I presume you have calculated the quantity that will be required for 3000 Indians; supposing the cattle to average five hundred pounds each, it will require about fourhundreds and ~~fifty the w~~ ~~for~~ ~~month~~ ~~or~~ ~~first~~ thousand four hundred and twenty five head a year, and when the distance and difficulty of collecting and driveing is taken in to view, if they can be had in the country it will be at a high price.

Corn is now selling at this place at twenty five cents, and in some parts of the country at one dollar a bushel, which I am informed is not unusual during some part of every year

I am informed that along the route which it is supposed the Indians will travel many persons have determined that if

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they cannot obtain the forrage they think proper to ask for corn and beef, not to sell, there is not generally a surplus of corn raised off the rivers, consequently at some part of each year it is in great demand, at a high price, on all the frontier roads.

Every exertion will be used to obtain every thing that may be necessary for the removal and Subsistence of Indians at the lowest rate possible, but I fear the expence will be much greater than you have anticipated.

I am Sir
With Great Respect
Your Mo. Obt. Sert.
S. B. Kelsall
Capt. 4th. U. S. A.

General George Gibson
Com Gen of Subsistence
Washington, City.

Escort 39 Choctaw

Capt. J. B. Clark

Little Rock July 24th 1831.

Was under the impression that his duty would be only to contract for supplies &c. Is he to act as agent & be responsible for them?

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Duplicate

Little Rock
July 24th 1831.

Rec'd August 18th

General,

I was under the impression when ordered on duty connected with the Subsistence of Indians that I would be required to contract for supplies to be delivered to such agents as you might appoint to receive and issue the same, and who would be responsible to you, on the 11th June I am directed as follows, "You can when it may become necessary establish several places of issue in the nation. the persons whom you may employ in these agencies will be strictly responsible to you." I hope the instructions are not intended to mean all that they seem to convey, viz, that I will select agents, from persons with whose integrity or qualifications I am entirely unacquainted, to be placed on duty beyond my immediate control, and to be responsible to the United States for the faithful performance of their duty.

Agents selected for these stations must of necessity have Supplies placed in their hands, and probably ~~with~~ money for contingencies, should my prove faithless and abuse the confidence reposed in them, is it intended that I am to be accountable for their default?

I am Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Mo Obt. Sr.

J. B. Leland
Lieut U.S.A.

General George Gibson
Com General of Subsistence
Washington City,

Emig to Choctaws

Capt. N. B. Clark

Little Rock, July 24. 1831.

Did not believe that the removal of the Indians, would form any part of his duties. Was not informed who the agents will be appointed by the U. S. or selected by themselves &c &c.

The wagons are at the mouth of White river &c &c.

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Duplicate

Recd Augt 18th

Little Rock
July 24th 1831.

General,

From the mode proposed by you last winter of having the Indians brought into this country on board Steam Boats, I did not anticipate that their removal would form a part of my duties, after learning that wagons would be used instead of Steam Boats, I still flattered myself that all the agents necessary to superintend the removal would be appointed by you. On the 11th June I am advised that my duties will embrace the whole operation of removal and subsistence from the Mississippi westward, but I am not informed whether the agents to be employed in the removal will be appointed by you, or selected by myself, of the places where the Indians will cross the Mississippi, the routes they will take, or the manner of supplying them on the route, whether by contract or special purchases.

By your letter of the 5th April, I am informed that wagons will be sent to the Mouth of White river, or to some point near, or at the old post of Arkansas, they have been at the Mouth of white river some time, but I do not feel at liberty to remove them not knowing where the Indians will cross the Mississippi, should they cross at Helena, the labour and expence of getting the wagons there by land will be very great, I have made arrangements for ox-cart sooner than I would

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otherwise shall done, in anticipation of such an event,

I am Sir

With Great Respect.

Your Mo. obt. Servt.

S. B. Leland

Capt. U. S. A.

General George Gibson

Com General of Subsistence

U.S. Washington, City.

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Commissary Gen'l of Subs. LR 1831 C Choctaw

Doing 41 Choctaws

Capt. N. B. Clark

Little Rock July 28. 1831

No correct estimate can be

made of the expenses of remov-

ing Indians from the Missi river

Westward &c. — &c &c

Duplicate.

Rec'd 18 Augt

Little Rock.
July 25th 1831.

General,

An correct estimate can be made of the expense of Removal and Subsistence of Indians from the Mississippi westwards, and I apprehend that it will be much greater than you have anticipated, I have to request that you will please cause such a sum as you may think proper to be sent me for that object.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Mo obt Sv.
A.B. Clark
Capt U.S.A.

General George Gibson
Comd Gen of Subsistence
Washington, City.

FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Enrig 42 Choctaw

W. S. Colquhoun

Little Rock augt 4. 1831.

Arrived with funds &
subsistence for Capt. Clark
— will go to Ticks Key &c

Rec'd Augt 20th

Little Rock
4 August 1831

Sir I arrived here this morning with the funds & Subsistence for Capt Clark & as soon as possible shall proceed hence to Vicksburg the nearest point on the Mississippi to communicate with the Chactaw Agency. At that point I beg leave strongly to recommend the principal embarkation for this route. The transportation to be made in small Keel Boats; the landing to be as high up this river as practicable towards Fort Smith. The waggons to be employed with such parties which may land at the Post of Arkl and at this place through by Hempstead Road to the Chactaw Country. The road recommended by Mr. Gaines to be opened to Helena is impracticable & the route by Memphis is extremely difficult. & much out of

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the way. The fact is that the heavy Pennsylvania Waggon, purchased for the Service would never be useful in the low Swampy Country of the Mississippi

It is believed that to facilitate the emigration & effectually accomplish it, that Steam Boats drawing a light draught of Water should be chartered & the Indians conveniently rendezvoused at Vicksburg Natchez or Memphis & landed on this River, where land transportation & provisions may be in readiness. I shall write more full on this subject from Vicksburg where I shall remain a short time & where I shall expect letters to reach me.

The season is very sickly & I

do not think any time is lost by delay
flowing out of a want of decision as
to the route as later in the season the
want of water & the oppression of hot
weather will not be felt & a more
mature disposition of the movement
established. By tomorrows mail I
will forward my receipt for the
funds with which I now stand
charged at the Treasury individually
Hoping to recieve at Vicksburg
further communications.

I remain
very respy
Yr: ob: svt
Wm. T. Sherman

Gen. George Gibson
Com. Gen. Subs.

Evening 43 Choctaws
Capt. W.B. Clark
Little Rock. July 22. 1831.
Do not yet informed when
the Indians will cross the
Mississippi

Rec. 20 augt

Little Rock
July 22d. 1831.

General,

Your letter of the 11th. June, with its enclosure was received by this days mail, it has no doubt been detained on the way as the same mail brought Washington papers of the 28th. June.

Not yet having been informed of the places where the Indians are to cross the Mississippi, or the route by which they will be taken to their new homes, I am altogether at a loss about making arrangements to have them supplied with provisions on the way, or after they arrive in their new country, a few days will I hope remove that difficulty.

The Wagons to be used for the purpose of removing the Indians have been sent to the Mouth of Lights creek, if the Indians are to cross at the Mississippi at Helena it is greatly to be regretted that they had not been left there, as the difficulty and expence of getting them from the Mouth of Lights River will be very great.

Lt Ryan has not yet arrived.

I am Sir

Lights Grand Reserve
Your Mo. Obt. Servt.
A. B. Clark
Capt. U. S. A.

General George Gibson
Com. Gen. of Subs.
Washington, City.

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Ensign 44 Choctaw

Capt. N. B. Clark

Little Rock July 30. 1831.

Has received letters of the 24th. and 28th. June.

Resigns his appointment

Rec'd Aug't 21th

Little Rock.
July 30th 1831.

General,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by yesterdays mail of Major Harris communications of the 24th & 25th June.

By his letter of the 24th June I am informed that Lt Hy and will bring me $ 19.000 in U.S. notes, it will be all important in paying small amounts; on the subject of transporting specie into this country, unless you deem it important that it should be sent here, I would respectfully recommend the use of U.S. Bank notes in preference, as here there is no safe place of deposite, the Majors instructions in relation to the sources from whence funds that may hereafter be required in this country, will be attended to.

On the subject of Wagons being sent to the old Chocktaw country should Colonel Laflore deem it necessary, much difficulty is foreseen, Should it be found necessary to send wagons, I presume teams will also be required, (on this subject no doubt Col. Laflore will be specific.) the wagons are now at the Mouth of white river, the teams will be purchased at this place, the distance by land to the Mouth of White river is about 140 miles, from thence to Memphis is about 190 miles, by the latter place I am informed that there is a road to the old Chocktaw country; the summer in this country has been very rainy and the Swamps on the road to Memphis has not yet been dry, travelers report that it is with much difficulty they can get through on horses, if this be true wagons could not be taken that route by the time teams would

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travel from this to Ushite river and thence to Memphis, (supposing the route practicable) the distance being about 330 miles, the road bad, and a scarcity of forage, they would be much encumbered, how far they would have to go on the east of the Mississippi before they would arrive at their place of destination, I do not know, I am not informed of any other route by which wagons could be taken into the old Chickasaw country, unless there is a road opposite Memphis, of which I have no information; I apprehend much difficulty and delay in getting the wagons over Ushites river and to the Post of Arkansaw, on account of bad roads to, I am informed that two of them are very large and heavy, this is certainly to be regretted as they are not adapted to the roads in this country.

On the subject of Agents mentioned in the Majors letter of the 28th June, I am at a loss for an opinion to offer as to the number and description of persons necessary to be employed, there should I think be a responsible and well qualified person to superintend all matters that may occur on the route, with a suitable number of Assistants, this will depend very much on the manner you may direct them to move, whether in a body, or in parties at intervals of one or more days, I fear that the number of qualified agents that will be required could not be had in this country at a reasonable compensation.

Deeply impressed with gratitude for the many obligations under which you have placed me, I feel it a duty I owe to you as well as myself, to say that I have not sufficient confidence in my capacity to believe I can discharge with credit to myself and justice to the United States all the duties connected with the removal

Gener.

and Subsistence of Indians which you have thought proper to assign to me, when ordered on the duty I was under the impression that the Indians would be brought to this country on board Steam Boats, could I have anticipated that the responsibility of the removal would devolve on me, I certainly would not voluntarily have undertaken it, as I never will of my own accord attempt more than I perceive myself competent to, no one can form a proper estimate of the difficulties that will attend the removal by land, and Subsistence on the route who has not been in this country and made himself acquainted with them, I am free to confess that I do not feel competent to the task, Entertaining this view of the matter I do most respectfully request that you will as soons as convenient, please to select some one to relieve me in the duties of Superintending the removal and Subsistence of Indians.

I am Sir,
With Great Respect
Your Mos. obt. Servt.
S.B. Clark
Capt. U.S.A.

General George Gibson
Com. Generals of Subsistence
Washington, City.

Copies of Orders
W. A. Colquhoun

Steam boat Industry

Little Rock Aug 11th 1831.

Sent this day to the Choctaw
nation of Indians of
wagon transportation &c &c
Agreeable to
Gen. George Gibson

Comy Gen. of Subs

Washington City
D. C

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Steam Boat Industry August 11 1831
Little Rock

Sir I am now on my way to the Cherokee nation in conformity with my instructions from your dept. and avail myself of the opportunity per this Boat to Lewisville to communicate on the subject of my business.

In looking over the report of Gales & Reynolds, they certainly have permitted themselves to draw irrelevant conclusions. The estimated passage by transportation by Helena to which point a road would have to be opened 150 miles & they say that by those means the Emigrants would reach their new homes in November. Below the Chickasaw Bluffs on E side & as far down as Vicksburg the bounds of the Mississippi bank, & the river overflows the country to a great extent rendering the country impervious to a any season for waggons. The report says "the Cherokees will generally settle on Red River" if that were the case it would be better to ascend the Washita & Red River, but I do not believe they will - I think it more reasonable to conclude that their settlements will be various & scattering over such an extensive & fertile country. I do not wish indirectly to invalidate the representations of Messrs G. & R. - but am extremely anxious to impress the necessity of transportation by Steam Boats up this river believing as I do in superior comforts & facilities of the mode as well as the increased certainty of the speedy accomplishment of the removal.

I would beg leave to recommend that a [illegible] be
named this fall for a commencement of the embarkation from
three prominent points on the east side of the Mississippi (any
Memphis Vicksburg & Natchez.— Memphis is 87 miles from Austin
a little town 81 miles N.E of Vicksburg & 10 miles S.E. from the Bluff
on the Yazoo River where 2 Companies of the 3. Regt
are stationed. There are always in the vicinity of Stately
numerous bands of Straggling Choctaws, who together
with those about Baton Rouge & New Orleans could be
reclaimed by removal. Let the Steam Boats be of light
draught but of at least 100 tons burthen one at each
point above mentioned to be kept constantly running
up this river until the removal is finished. A post
to be located here & the remainder especially in the
Spring to be transported daintly to their friendly Retreat
the Portion of Canada in the Centre of which river has
been ascended by a Steel Boat at least 500 miles.
The young men thereby to cross at the different ferries
be furnished with about 10 or 15$ each by the
agent as soon as they are ready to cross about. To be
directed to meet their friends at the different points
of landing of the St. Boats as they arrive, in order
to aid in transporting them to the interior.
This is a sickly season and will continue to be so un-
til cold weather, it is therefore important that a
large party should not remove for fear of sickness

he until winter which in this climate is mild healthy.
from The loading of the Boats will be mostly passengers (any the department desire an immediate removal I am Rankin confident, although the river will be low that the Ship facility of lightening the boats and the aid of the by passengers in pushing them over the shoals will secure Stately speedy the

I shall return by Little Rock as soon as I can be unless Genl. Gibson instructs to the contrary.

with I am very respectfully
ing Your obt. Servt.
you Wm. S. Colquhoun
the Capt. A.Q.M.
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ferris Col. Scurry is replaced by a considerable
the majority.
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Genl. Gen. Gibson
Com. Gen.

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Envy 48 Cherokee Town

W. S. Colquhoun

Little Rock. 11 Augt. 1831.

Has seen Col Woods letter
to Capt Clark, in which he disapproves
of the Arrangements made for making
the whole Communication
Gen. Gibson
Urges the necessity of adhering
to the Course already determined
on.

Washington City

Rec'd 18th Sept

Little Rock 11th August 1831

Sir I have just seen a letter from Captain Clark from Col. Ward Chactaw Agent of the 23 July a duplicate of which has been sent to your office in which he discovers the arrangements made and making in the Creeks for the removal of the Indians. He speaks of a route from the Centre of the nation to Blantons ferry to cross the Mississippi to the Bayou Bartholomew, a branch of the Washita river. He tells Capt Clark that no Indians will pass by Little Rock & that the Captain ought to be in the Chactaw nation. That it would be well to load a few waggons at the mouth of White River with Flour to meet the emigrants - The whole tenor of the communication is so apparently unreasonable that if it should be adopted, the adoption of the whole plan (it appears to me) would follow If the Chactaws are to remove themselves this is the way & by this or direction, they ought to be furnished with a specific sum of money at this crossing place and the trouble would

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be avoided, they would be better satisfied, if the expence
to any the least not increased one dollar. On the
hope & belief that the original plan & that agreed on by
the treaty will be adhered to, I rest assured that
the expence [illegible] waggons & oxen are taken into consideration
& the preparations already made it might in a small
degree enforce the necessity of proceeding the route at
first proposed by Virginia.

I am Sir

Yr. very Obt. Svt.

Wm. Clarke

Lt. Col. Cty

Genl. Geo. Gibson

Com. Gen.

Comp'y 47 Choctaws
Capt. J. B. Clark's
Little Rock Aug.t 10. 1831

In asking to be relieved, it
not influenced by momentary
wishes or [illegible] Trust—
Speedily to be relieved from all
duties connected with Ind.
Affairs.

Rec'd 18th

Little Rock.
August 11th 1831.

Genl.

On asking to be relieved from the duties of Sup't by the removal and subsistence of Indians, I wish you to believe that it was not the effect of momentary whim or caprice, but from a deliberate opinion of my want of ability to do justice to the duties you have assigned to me, the discretionary power you have given me greatly increases the responsibility, altogether of a kind that I am unequal to the task, and hope you will not think me unfaithful in requesting to be relieved as soon as practicable from all duties connected with Indian affairs.

Gov. Ryan has not yet arrived.

I am Sir:

Very Respectfully.
Your Mo. Obt. Sv.
Th. Glover
Supt I.A.

General George Gibson
Com. General of Subsistence
Washington City.

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Envoy 48 Cohoatas

Capt. L. B. Clark

Little Rock Aug. 9. 1831.

The issue of pork ~~&c~~ to the Indians, a sample of which by May Stook's letter, is left at Mad Fish, will be drawn thro' beef and Com. Dept.

I was directed G. Stephenson to contract for 250,000 lbs beef and from 5 to 10,000 bushels of Corn —

Rec'd 1 Sep

Little Rock

8 August 1831.

Dear Sir

I have received your favor of the 26th ult. informing me that the Com.y Gen.l Brown has a surplus of Pork, flour and salt that can be had for issue to Indians, & have to say, that unless it should be thought necessary as a matter of policy, or for the benefit of the Creeks to give it to them, it will cost much more than beef and corn, transportation is very heavy after leaveing the Arkansas river, from this place to Washington about 80 miles it will cost three dollars per hundred pounds, or nine dollars a barrel for pork, in consequence of which and the difficulty of hireing wagons, I will just now for the present tending to that reduce the pork flour and bacon ordered to be sent there, with a hope that a part of the public wagons may hereafter be employed on that service, at present I do not feel at liberty to use them, holding them subject to the order of Gov.r Doaflora, as directed by letter of the 28th June.

The time when the removal will commence, and the number that will remove during the approaching fall, is still so uncertain that no positive arrangement can be made for supplying them either on the route or after they arrive at their new homes, I have however directed Lt. Stephenson to contract for 250000. pounds of beef, and from 8. to 10.000. bushels of corn, no arrangement has been made at Fort Smith, as I am not informed that any will go that route.

It has always been my opinion that the best and cheapest mode of bringing the Indians from the Mississippi into this country would be by Steam boats, not however having been required to give an opinion

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on that subject, I beg that I may be pardoned for doing so now.

In my letter of the 30th July, I requested that you will as soon as convenient please relieve me in the duties of Superintending the removal and Subsistence of Indians, every day more fully convinces me of the propriety of my request, it is due to the United States as well as to myself that I should be relieved, I am well satisfied of being unequal to the task assigned me, of doing it the justice the importances of the matter requires, from present appearances there is nothing cheering in the prospect before me, the difficulties that present themselves are many and great, could I when ordered on the duty have anticipated that any part of the responsibility of the removal would have devolved on me, I would as promptly have declined it, as I never will (if a choice is given me,) embark in a matter the duties of which I do not feel myself competant to discharge.

I have for some days past been threatened with an attack of fever, should it continue so as to disqualify me from attending to business, I dread the consequences.

I am Sir,
Very Respectfully.
Your Mo. Obt. Servt.
W. B. Clark
Capt. U. S. A.

General George Gibson
Com General of Subsistence
Washington, City.

Along 49 Choctaw

Capt. S. B. Clark,

Little Rock Augt. 11. 1831.

Rasrec'd Col. Ward's letter

- Happears from Col W's statement that the settled course has yet been adopted on the other side of the river &c.

Rec'd 1 Sep.

Little Rock.
Augt 11th 1831.

General,

Your letter of 19th July with its inclosure is just received, I have also received yours of letters of the 11th 24th & 28th June, and 9th July, all of which have been duly acknowledged.

I have this day received a letter from Colo Ward and Choctaw agent, he informs me that he has written his views to you on the same subjects, he recommends that the Indians cross the Mississippi at Blantons ferry about 15. miles below the Mouth of Arkansas, but to get them there will require a road to be cut through a swamp the distance I do not know, and it is believed unless a road were made, it would be impracticable to get wagons on this side of the Mississippi opposite the place he points out altogether I do not think his plan a good one,

It appears from Colo Wards statement that no settled course has yet been adopted on that side of the river, and it is still uncertain what number will remove this fall and the time when they will commence

Very Respectfully
Your m. obt. Servt
J. B. Glover
Capt U S A.

General George Gibson
Com Gen of Subs
Washington City

Encl 30 Choctaw

Wm S. Colquhoun,

Little Rock ~~Sept~~ Sept 5: 1831

Sends Capt. Clark's receipt

for $4,600 — The com copy

are superabundant.

Rec'd 3 Aug

Little Rock 5 August 1831

Sir

Herewith enclosed is Capt Clarks receipt for Four thousand Six hundred dollars leaving a balance of four hundred dollars remaining in my hands & for which I am accountable. I wrote yesterday by way of Memphis informing you of my arrival here with the provisions for the Indians. I shall remain here for the Choctaw action as soon as the St. Boat returns down the river. The Corn Crops in this Country are superabundant, the season having been unusually propitious, and the quantity intended to be raised extensively increased by the prospect of a good price & ready sale.

I am Sir
Yr: Ob: Servt.
Wm S. Colquhoun
Special Agent

Gen. Geo. Gibson
Com. Gen. IA

Envg 5-1 Chocktaws

Capt. S. B. Clark

Little Rock Augt. 5. 1831

Deferred offering for proposals for contract, until he is apprized of the time when the Indians will commence the removal

M.r Colquhoun has two ser $4600=t lien

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Rec'd 3 Sept

Little Rock.
August 5th. 1831.

General,

The mails of this week have arrived without bringing any thing from Gov. Saflore on the subject of sending wagons, into the old Choctaw country, I look forwards with much anxiety to the receipt of his letter on that subject, as in the event of his requiring wagons and teams, much delay will of course be the unavoidable consequence, to the commencements of the removal on the East of the Mississippi.

I had offered for proposals for a contract, as per advertisment enclosed, but will postpone that matter for the present, until I can learn something more definate as to the time when the Indians will commence their removal.

Believing that I cannot do justice to the duties assigned to me, and unwilling voluntarily to meet the responsibility, I took the liberty on the 30th ult. to request that you will as soon as convenient, please relieve me as Superintending the removal and Subsistence of Indians.

Capt W. S. Colquhoun has arrived at this place with Subsistence Stores, and has turned over to me $4.600.

Very Respectfully
Your Mo. Obt. Servt.
J. B. Blank
Capt A. C. S.

General George Gibson
Com. General of Subsistence
Washington, City.

Capt. J. B. Clark

Little Rock Augt 5th 183

Will go on to make contr

Consequence of information

& in Major Hook's letter of

th July — Encloses his

Contingent

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Recd 3 Sept.

Little Rock
Augt 6th, 1831.

General,

By my letter of this instant I informed you that I would not make a contract to supply the Indians on the route, as per my advertisement enclosed to you in that letter, until I could get something more definite as to the time when the removals would commence, by Major Stanbs letter of the 9th ult, I am informed that a large party will start in Sept. next & will therefore go on to make arrangements for their arrival on this Side of the Mississippi in October next.

My prospects so far is not flattering, and I will be agreeably disapointed if the removals during the approaching fall should step off only tolerably well, with a hope that you may finds without difficulty a person very way better qualified to superintend a matter of so much responsibility than myself, I have only to say that you will add to the very many obligations I owe to you already, by having me relieved as soon as practicable

I am Sir
With Great Respect
Your Mo. obt. Sv.
J. B. Blair
Capt U. S. A.

General George Gibson
Com. General of Subs
Washington City.

Ewing 55 [redacted] Choctaw

Wm. S. Colquhoun

Vicksburg 22d. Augt. 1831.

Is on his way to the Choctaw
Agency — 150 miles distance
— will stop Vicksburg on his return
— The country very sickly

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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Rec'd 12 Sept

Vicksburg 22d. Aug. 1835

Sir I wrote from Little Rock & Mouth of White River, have now only to state that I am here on my way to the Chactaw Agency, the letter to enable me to accomplish the object of my instructions, which when done I shall press this plan on my return to Arkansaw — where any letter will find me in due course

Blanton's Ferry (said to be Co. Wards) lies 23 Italy & 15 miles below the mouth of Arkansaw River & 65 miles below at Point Chicot.

The Chactaw Agency is 150 miles from here by bad road, but being upon the Mississippi & of easy access to that Point I do not hesitate a moment.

This country is very sickly at this time from the character of the weather much mortality is apprehended this fall.

I am very respectfully
Yr. Ob. Sd.
Wm. S. Colquhoun
Lt. 2 Dr.

Wm S. Colquhoun

Vicksburg 26th August 1831.

Much damage done to crops by the overflow of Big Black River, and he prevented from proceeding. Mr Douglass, agt for valuing cattle, goes with him.

He will start from the Agency & return to Little Rock.

Sept. 13

Vicksburg 29th Augt 1831

Sir

Owing the extraordinary overflow of the Yazoo Pass River by which much damage in the destruction of Crops & loss of Cattle has been sustained I have been prevented until now from proceeding to the Choctaw agency. Mr Donelson the Agent for valuing & selling the Cattle goes with me — I have written to Mr Love & to Nittacache & have expressed to them the wishes of the Department as detailed in my instructions. As soon after my arrival as possible at the agency I shall communicate all the information I can obtain & set out as my instructions (as directed) in my instructions) to Little Rock.

I am with great respect

Yr: mo: ob: Servt.

Wm S. Colquhoun

Special Agt

Ensig 57 Choctaw
Capt. L.W. Clark,
Little Rock Augt. 14th 1831.

Has offered for proposals to
supply indians with provisions
from L Rock to the new Country
But if Col. Ward is correct
no indians will pass L Rock
this fall. Has contracted for
ox-teams to be deliv? between the
20th & 25th Augt & engaged drivers
—Will also purchase horses &

Sept 3rd

Little Rock.
August 14th 1881.

General,

I wrote to you on the 11th inst. informing you that I had received a letter from Colo Ward, Choctaw agent, on the subject of the best mode of removing Indians; it is believed the route he recommends on this side of the Mississippi, is impassable for wagons unless a road were made through swamps, and on much of the way no corn could be purchased, he speaks of the number that will remove this fall as being doubtful, as no arrangement had been made at that time to values their cattle ofpen a roads &c, (all of which he states he has communicated to you.) he further says "I presume you will see the necessity of being here instead of Little Rock, as no Indians will go by that place it is believed this fall." believing from the fact of provisions having been sent here that the Indians would in any contingency pass this place, I have offered for proposals to supply them from this to their new homes, but if Colo Wards is correctly informed, and from his vicinity to Colo Dafloes I presume he is acquainted with his views as to the best point of crossing the Mississippi, it would appear that no Indians will, (as it is believed.) pass this place this fall; in this states of uncertainty I am at a loss how to act.

By a letter of the the 22nd June, on the subject of depositing supplies I am informed that "A similar deposite can be made at Helena or any other point at which the Indians may cross the Mississippi, when that point is ascertained, in relation to this and other subjects I have addressed Colonel Greenwood Dafloes, &c." from which it appears that Colonel Dafloes opinion will have much weight in determining the crossing places, on the 9th July I was informed that from very recent information

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a larger number of Indians will go over this ensuing fall, and that the removal will without question commence in September, no preparations can be made for supplies until the route is fixed on, and to provide for so large a number of persons as will probably come over this fall, during their removal, in a country like this, will be attended with much difficulty.

I have contracted for Ox teams to be delivered between the 20th & 25th of this Month, and engaged drivers, believeing that it would be necessary to send the teams to the Mouth of White river, where the waggons now are, and thence to such point on the Missisippi, as might be designated to cross the Indians at, which supposeing to be Skelmas, with the delay and unavoidable difficulties to be encountered would have taken the waggons until about the 1st of October to reach that point, (the time which by your letter of the 5th April, it was supposed the Indians would cross the Missisippi) I will have to receive the teams agreeably to my contracts and employ teamsters, as in the event of discharging the teamsters I could not probably get others when wanted, and Gov Doaflores may probably require the waggons to be sent into the old Choctaw country immediately; I have also advertised that I will between the 20th & 31st inst purchase waggon horses, and have made conditional agreements for a small number, should I let this opportunity pass probably when wanted they could not be had, I have also engaged drivers to take charge of them.

Lt Ry and arrived at this place on the 12th inst. [illegible]

Very Respectfully
Your Mo Obt. Servt
D. B. Clarke.
Capt U. S. A.

General George Gibson
Com Gen of Subsistence
Washington, City.

Proposals for Beef,
Corn & Salt, by Belding
& Byrd, to Indians. —
— From Little Rock, West

Accepted by Capt Clark

Proposals for Supplying Indians

Capt. S B Clark
U S Army
Little Rock
Ark.

Little Rock. 6th August 1831

Sir

Agreeable to your Advertisement to Receive Proposals for Supplying Fresh Beef, Corn and Salt, for Indians from this Place to Kiamechia or within forty five miles of Kiamechia, We the undersigned, Jointly, Propose to furnish the Same at the following rates or Prices, to wit.

Pr. Ration at Six and One fourth Cents ——— or to furnish Beef at three Cents Pr. pound.. to furnish Corn at One Dollar Pr. Bushel, Salt at three Dollars and twenty Cents Pr. bushel or five Cents Pr. pound, Provided said Indians Should Come on in a body as supposed to the number of about five Thousand (More or Less) and stop any Given place on the Road within thirty days from the time the first Arrive, and in Case they Should be more than Thirty days in Passing (from the Arrival) and under Sixty days we would Add (and be paid) ten Pr. Cent to the Amount, and in Case the time of Arriving and Passing Should Exceed Sixty days would Propose to furnish at the following Rates.

Each Ration at Eight Cents, or Beef at Three and three fourth Cents Pr. pound, Corn at One Dollar and Twenty five Cents Pr. Bushel, and Salt at Four — Dollars Pr. bushel or Six and One fourth Cents Pr. pound.

Respectfully Your
Obedient Servants

Capt. S B Clark
U S Army

L Pelot
A C Byrd

Sir I have Rec'd Sam the Proposals you have made for a Supply of Corn & Beef for the Troops on the Road from the Mississippi to Little Rock; I live on the Direct road an equal distance from the Post to the Rock. I will furnish you Corn at 62½ Cents p Bushel Meal from my Horse Mill for 75 Cts p Bushel Indian Meal distance I will furnish for one Dollar p B. I will furnish you with Fodder upon good Terms of each time I will furnish you Beef at 3 Cents p Pound I have not Seen your Proposals as such I know not Whether I have Made

Charleston Ark
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Maj. Gen. Clark, and
Gov. Miss. Ter.
Natchez

Correctly as the Reference can be had
to Mr. Wilson Cal(Depha a. any
Gentleman that knows Mr that lives
about the Rock

Yrs. Evans

August 11th 1831

Big Pheasant

Pt. Pheasant

Proposal for
Post to Indians
from Little Rock, west

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Little Rock A. T.
August 11th 1831.

Sir

I will furnish the Emigrating Indians according to your advertisement of July 30th 1831. and under the restrictions. with Beef at four Cents per pound at the places designated in your advertisement

Wm Whitaker

P. S. Gen. Jno. Nicks will be my security for the performance of the Contract I offer. and if you have objections to the security or fears of a non Compliance, I will give you entire satisfactory security

Wm Whitaker

Envy 38 Chevaux
Capt. J. B. Clark
Little Rock Augt. 31. 1831.

Has been confined by an
attack of bilious fever.
— Desires more than 1000
to be retained.— Col Hector
has reported for duty. Lt.
Ry can attend to his business

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Rec'd 21 Oct

Little Rock.
Augt 31st 1831.

General,

On the 16th inst, I was confined with a violent attack of bilious fever, and have not until within two or three days past been able to leave my bed more than a few minutes at a time, & am so much reduced and debilitated that I fear my recovery will be very tedious; I am more than ever anxious to be relieved, the officer in charge of the very responsible duties at this place should if possible be at all times in a condition to attend to business, which I find I have not health enough to ensure.

I have received your letters of 27th July, and 3d Augt, the latter accompanied by copies of letters previously received by me; Colo Rector has accepted his appointment and reported for duty.

No communication has yet been received from Colonel Lawlore.

Lieut Ryan has attended to my duties since I have been confined by sickness.

Very Respectfully
Your Mo Obt. Servt
J. B. Leland
Lieut U. S. A.

General George Gibson
Com Gen of Subsistence
Washington, City.

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Ft Gibson I.T.
4 May 1833
Isaac Foss

at Towans on the
Washita river
17 Dec. 1831

I am here with 213 Indians
& about 50 horses & mules — the
Indians will proceed on im-
mediately. Capt Silas D Fisher
who hands you this is a Chactaw
Captain & worthy young man
I have authorised him to officiate
as agent until he meets you
such disbursments as he may make
be pleased to settle. Earle is
at the Post of Washita Towans
& provided for. Our boat
the Walter Scott I fear
will have a bad chance
to get out. I shall return
in the Spring assure you although

my Sympathys are aroused in
behalf of the unfortunate emi-
grants on and of the unusual
& unprecedented inclemency of
the weather, that my own
health which by a spell
of inflamatory fever at Vicksburg,
warns me to return. On our
arrival about day break at
Monroe Earle came to the
river to see us & slipped from
the top of the bank into
the water. He had crossed
a great many- Deer & horses
He had the people with
him. Capt Shirley & the
Contractor Mr Williams

has gone about 15 miles. to
a Bayou east of Monroe
to hurry up the rear.
I reckon a large load
at Monroe of Flour & 1000 lbs Pork
& Bacon besides what
they will get Beef. the
people are very kind
to them. Humphstead Co
is not much more than
35 miles from you. Be
sure the party that captures
possibly can and Col. Gainey is
gone home. He wants you
to go to Point Chicot.
Yrs truly
Wm. J. Colquitt

Excuse this hasty
scrawl

Encl 59 Choctaw

Wm. S. Colquhoun

Choctaw Agency Sept. 1821.

Learn that 3000 of the

district of Natchez

will go over this fall.

— Reports generally

upon the subject &c

&c &c &c

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in expectation of the means & directions for commencing operations & am of opinion we they ready & sufficient that the whole nation of Choctaws would rise up & move off immediately.

You may rest assured of my endeavors to do every thing to render those entrusted with the change in this situation & of my willingness to take any amount of responsibility & act in any capacity whereby the Govt & Indians may be most benefited.

A Musholatubbe & Leflore (the latter to whom I addressed a communication ten days since) have not communicated with me I shall write by next mail when any thing they may wish will be communicated. It is seems to be settled that Vicksburg be the point of embarkation — the horses may be there crossed over & a way through the swamp found by coasting up the river to Lake Providence where the Tensaw runs out into the Washita near its mouth — It is 160 miles from here to Vicksburg & about the same distance to the nearest point of the Mississippi. It is calculated that large parties

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will go with Clark Horsey, these parties must be furnished with Conductors authorized to disburse their expenses. These Conductors may be appointed by the Chief Agent. Capt. Pitchlyn & Col. Folsom are two respectable men one of Leflore & the other of Choctaw & could control the disbursements of part parties. Stubbs district. Col. Ward if necessary would undertake the disbursement of any amount of funds which if authorized he can raise out of the Banks in this State.

I shall write by next mail in the meantime remain yours very obt.

Lt. U.S. Col. Graham
Sub. Ch. agent

Gen. George Gibson
C. G. S.
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I enclose a letter addressed to me from Capt Pitchlyn who has been to Nashville & he is a man of first rate education &c at the College at Nashville Tn. [redacted] W. L. C

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Capt Wm Calhoun

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4 Sept 1831.

Dear Sir

In relation to our conversation as to the most practicable route for a road to be made from this section of the nation to the Mississippi River, for the purpose of the people of this District to travel in to their new Country on the Arkansaus, I would merely remark for your consideration that owing to the heavy rains which have latterly fallen that scarcely any way through the Swamps of Mississippi could be so made as to admit waggons or even horses to pass through during the ensueing season. It would have been our nearest and far the best way to have crossed the Miss- at Philips Ferry or St Helena - the Swamps at this point on the river is but twenty five Miles in breadth. In a short time an excellent road could have been made through here. Of this we have long

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Since informed the Government. As those of the party to which I belong, will be only such as who will take no Stock with them this year they could be easily Conveyed from Vicksburg to Montgomerys point in Steam Boats, and from these either up the Arkansaw by Water or by land. A great many of us will no doubt wish to take our Stock with us next fall, and he would urge the Government to Cause a road Cut out through the Swamps to the Mississippi at Philips Ferry at an early period as possible.

With pleasure, I Subscribe myself Your friend & Brother.

P. P. Pitchlynn.

Secretary & Counsellor to the Chief of the North Eastern District. Ch-Nation.

To Hon. Col Graham
Special Ins. Agent

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Rec'd 21 Sept.

Choctaw Agency 1 Sept 1831

Sir I wrote last from Vicksburg & proceeded immediately to this place where I arrived 4 days ago. Col Ward being absent I deferred writing until his return. He is now at home & has furnished me with every information in his possession & promises every aid in his power to further the business of removal. I found on my arrival Nathaniel Cadyer here with a party of natives & half breeds from the lower district east of Pearl river. I had prepared a written communication to him which I presented, at the same time made known to him my wish for information on the different points required by my instructions. He replied to me through Mackey the U.S. interpreter that about 3000 souls in his district were ready to go over this fall — to start the first white frost in october that the waggons would have to be sent in and meet the residence of the emigrants & proceed by the way of Jackson across Pearl river to Vicksburg the horses to cross at that place and find their way through the swamp somewhere below Choctaw. — that three agents or Conductors be appointed namely Peter Juzan for the Six towns Wm Juzan for Chuckasawba, & Samuel Worcester a native for the Conehatta settlement where he resides. These Conductors to attend to the Waggons & to the issuing of the Corn & Beef from the place of residence to Vicksburg through which place the whole movement is contemplated. Some of them

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expect to take their horses on board as far as the mouth
of Arkansas. Will any of them be permitted to do so?
The great overflow in this County forbids any pros-
pect of a road across the Yazoo & Mississippi swamp
Col Ward & Major Armstrong say it is impossible
Nethunkadgie requests that some old tents be furnished
at Vicksburg & at the mouth of White River with
some blankets for the use of the helpless old men
women & children & for the sick & decrepid, also a
small allowance for medicines sugar & coffee & other
hospital necessaries for the sick destined. Tents
perhaps may be procured at Jefferson Barracks & at
Cantonment Gibson. It is certain they will experience
very inclement weather before they can be housed
and the issue of Blankets would be extremely prov-
ident to meet their certain exposure in this removal
& afterwards. Considerable difficulty exists between the
Chiefs recognized by the Government & those elected by
the people & some trouble may be anticipated from
that source. In Nethunkadgies district, Capt Joel
Nail a respectable & intelligent half breed has numer-
ous followers. In Mushulatubbees district Col. Folsom
has a large party & in Leflores district W. Harkins
has a large majority of followers & Leflore is very
unpopular owing to causes which if true ought to
render him so. I have not yet seen him and unless
I am much misinformed he wishes his party to emigrate
principally by way of the Yazoo. Capt Harkins the

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rivial Chief of his district intends going through the
Swamp to Blantons Ferry he having together with
Colonel Folsom & brothers addressed a letter to Col
Ward which has been shewn to me in behalf of the
old & decrepid & requesting ample transportation in
Waggons by a road leading home to Widow McKinneys on Yazoo
forward to Blantons Ferry. Capt Folsom has been through that
way but I believe it is altogether impassable this fall or
at any time for waggons. It is a given up point that a
pint of Corn to the ration is insufficient & Nithunk cadjie
said he did not suppose the Govt was in earnest in offering it
I beg leave to recommend the issue of hard bread during
the removal which will save one half the time of cooking. a
deposit at Vicksburg of 2 or 300 Bbls of Pilot Bread is
respectfully advised. The Indians can supply themselves with
Corn & Beef on this side the River. Will the Indians
Pack & horses bearing burdens be allowed for? Who is
to sign the provision returns? Who is to sign certificates to
Vouchers & to order their payment? How agencies are compe-
tent in the disbursement & issue of the money & provis-
I expect to day to see Musholatubbe & also Leflore in
a short time, from them I expect little additional
information excepting the naming of Conductors. If Capt
Clark was here with the funds we might commence
very soon but as there is no prospect of his coming
here, some one else ought to be appointed for the
disbursement of the funds which will be as

much as any man could attend to. One agent to each district with the three Conductors to each & other hands that may be found necessary. One agent to hire & go with the Steam Boats to be directed to land at the Post of Arkansas where the waggons would meet them but if the Arkansas is up to proceed to Little Rock & Fort Smith.

X My instructions direct me to return to Little Rock after communicating fully with the department when I expect to go, but not until I receive advices of a definite character No arrangements having been yet made on this side the River, I of course will remain & beg leave to advise as is possible the transmission of funds & appointment of a disbursing agent to be stationed here with authority similar to that given to Capt Clark also an agent for each district. I could attend to the steamboating & go with them each trip, but I am in different as to what duty I may be assigned. The chief agent should be authorized to furnish moving parties by land across at Point Ghist with a Conductor & funds to pay their way. How much would each horseman moving himself ever be allowed to pay his way through?

Upwards of 6000 will go over this fall and winter and it is all important that the movement commence by the 15th of October & continues as long as there are any to go or willing to go. I shall wait

Comig 60 Choctaw

Wm S. Colquhoun

Choctaw Agency Sept 4. 1831.

Has requested Chiefs to organize the people to be removed into Companies of 100 — Capt Vail's proposition to transport Indians from Red river to Vicksburg — Recommends Col Ward &c. Both Indians & whites are anxious to contract for transporting &c &c.

enclosure

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of Cattle in Arkansas that they give up in
this Country. Mr Douglass who was ap-
pointed to value & sell the Cattle is here very
sick. The sale of them after the manner of
his instructions would result in a total
loss to the Govt. it is respectfully suggested
therefore that a party of Indians be
employed to drive them to Arkansas
where owing to the emigration a great
increase in the price of beef must re-
asonably be expected. A contract might
be entered into in each district for driv-
ing them over. The request made in my
last for tents & Blankets & hard bread
to be sent to Vicksburg I have again
to repeat & hope it will be complied
with. 5 or 600 Bbls Bread I do not think
will be too much.

I calculate on three Rendezvous on the
road to Vicksburg. The first Mushulatubbees
at this place. Col. Leflores near Doaks
Stand & Nithuckeadgie at or near
Jackson

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in the State of Mississippi 100 miles south of
the agency. The waggons to be at those points
loaded, the Rolls made out & provisions issued
Myself & some other person to go ahead
& have the steamboats ready &c

I am Sir

Yr. very Ob. Servt
Wm S. Colquhoun
Special Indian Agent

Gen. Geo. Gibson
Com. Gen. IA

I have written to Capt Clark to have
Boats for ferriage & a supply of pro-
visions ready at Point Chicot.
W. C.

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Choctaw Agency 4th. Sep. 1831

Sir I wrote by last mail since which time I have conferred with Mushulatubbe & Col. G. Leflore in person. They have both agreed to move in Waggons to Vicksburg & to Manchester the latter 60 miles up Yazoo River. excepting those who wish to pack through by Abicot. Col. Leflore does not wish any Conductors appointed — he advises that I should be stationed at Vicksburg as soon as all the arrangements are made. He wishes the march to take place immediately. It is desirable that the allowance to ~~the~~ those who move over or their own resources be made known to them. Mushulatubbe has recommended three Conductors to be appointed in his district, three men to go along & to attend to the furnishing of the parties with provisions & conducting them through. I have requested the Chief to organize the people to be moved in Companies of 100 persons large & small with a Captain for each to whom will be assigned the task of receiving & distributing the rations. I think

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two or at most three waggons to each company
will be required. Mr Malachi Cobb recommends
Peter P. Pitchlynn Thomas Wall & Sam[l] Garland
as the three conductors or agents he wishes to be
employed – they are very intelligent smart young
men & can give any amount of security as they
inform me.

Capt Jos[l] Nail who is here from
Vicksburg Yazoo district is willing to engage
to remove out of that district (East of
Pearl river) any number of emigrants to
Vicksburg at a fair price. Will you
please say whether you will permit
that mode & how much you will allow
for each company of 100 persons – He will
furnish waggons & provisions. A majority
of Natchez district will be about
150 miles from Vicksburg. Capt Nail requires
no advance but would expect to be paid
at Vicksburg or the embarkation of the emi-
grants from that place. I am of opinion
the mode proposed by Capt Nail (who is
fully capable of the performance) a
good one & will save infinite trouble

I therefore have to request whether you will permit similar arrangements throughout.

Col. Lufton informs me he has written fully to you on the subject of removal. His letter to me in answer to mine is herewith enclosed. The chiefs are at this moment here & harmony seems to prevail—the people are all anxious to go and will wait with great impatience for the marching order to be given.

As Lt. Col. Ward is under bonds already to the Government & very willing to engage in the business he would be a safe depository of the funds & of their proper disbursement—I do not however shrink from any part of the duty & as I have before stated am willing to do any thing I am directed. The Indians expect the waggons to go round to their homes, to rendezvous at Point on the main road & proceed in a body to Dicks bury. Perhaps both Indians & white men are anxious to contract for waggons, for Beef & Corn—it will therefore at the time is growing short be necessary to give every facility to the means & authority required.

those parties who back & go through with this horsey by Chicot must have a disbursing agent & they leave therefore to request instructions to that effect.

I have just been informed that the Chiefs Headmen & warriors of the nation have recommended Major F. W. Armstrong for their Agent to the President ~~requested him to~~ he ~~ordered him to~~ to ~~meet~~ in the ~~Council~~. This need not I presume prevent any arrangement with Col. Ward who will be invaluable with his services, arrangement, responsibility & acquaintance with the Country in the business I shall write by every mail & present for your consideration any suggestion which may occur to my mind relative to the concern & close this communication by barely observing that until the Spring of the year the greater part of the Cattle cannot be herded for valuation & sale - Be pleased to inform me whether if the Chactaws will be allowed the same number & description

Wm Colquhoun Esqr

Choctaw Agency

Miss

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Big Sand Choctaw Nation Agut 31st 1831

Dear Sir

your of 24th of Agt. come to hand this day inform me that you was authorized by Dep of war to remove the Choctaws to west of Mipisiffi agreeable to the late treaty: you also stated that Departement wish to git all information relateing to the Route would be prefered by Choctaws on the account of much Rain will make the Swamp impassible this fall to crop the Mipsiffi at point chickco with waggons but those wish to go foot and pack horses would prefer to crop at point Chicka and all those wish to go with waggons would be best to crop at Vicksburg when I see you I converse with you fully on the subject

I remain your obt Sevt

Greenwood LeFlore

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C. of D.

Msrs. George S. Gaines & Co. Genl. you are requested to purchase, such &c. as Maps. Mushrat tahubbee may want at the risk of the North East District of the Choctaw nation for the year 1831.

Wm. Ward A. G. N.

Choctaw Goods
for North East
Dist. Miss.
Ans. to
1831

		Amt brot forward					$249	29½		Am
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	8	do	140	do Blue 28	do	18½	26	25		Am
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		of the said N. E. District of the Chac				
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		Dayton 12 August 1831				
402	35¼	Geo. S. Gaines & Co.				

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The United States

To George T Gaines & Co.

	For the following Merchandize purchased in Mobile by order for the Agents of the North Eastern District of the Chactaw Nation Viz't								
25	Ps	Heavy	3/4	Blankets		$45 00	225 00		
5	do	do	3	do	do	47 50	237 50		
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		21	pcs	654	195	Yds	10	195	17½
1	do	Cot	Osnaburgs	1/2	626		15	93	07
15	Ps	do		do	479		14	67	13	359	37½
1	Bale	91	Ps	2/30	Yds	Plain	13/8	378	78¼	378	78¼
30	Ps	Cotton	ade		1561	Yds	20	312	20	312	20
18	do	4/4	Cotton	Shals	11/4a	16/yr	doz	9.75	160	83	
2	do	4/4	do		do	17/yr	do	9.75	17	66¼	
9	do	4/4	do		do	16/4a	12	do	3.75	45	00
2	do	4/4	Turkey	Red	Hdkfs	5/yr		6 00	31 00	253	93¾
										$2491	29½

The United States

To George S Gaines Ho D.

For the following Merchandize purchased in Mobile for or on for the Annuity of the South E District of the Choctaw Nation and for Money paid as ordered Viz for the Choctaws

To	11	Pcs	Com'n	4	Pt	Blankets	30	00
"	1	do	do	5/4	do	do	26	00
"	1	do	do	4/4	do	do	20	00
"	1	do	do	4	do	do	18	00
"	2	do	Heavy	7/4	do	64 do 4.00	80	00
"	2	do	do	3	do	90 do 45.00	90	00
"	2	do	do	3/4	do	76 do 47.50	95	00
"	8	do	Blue Strouds		176	Yds 27.50	220	00
"	2	do	Red		do	44 do 27.50	55	00
"	21	do	3/4	Shirting	833	do 10	82	30
"	8	do	Cotton	Osnaburgs	252/4	do 14	35	63
"	22	do	Ducking	Plaids	666/4	do 13 1/2	92	19/4
"	2	do	Blue	Calico	56	Yds	18/4	10 50
"	2	do	do	do	56	do	22	12 32
"	2	do	Fancy	do	56	do	22/4	12 60
"	2	do	do	do	56	do	31/4	17 50
"	2	do	do	do	56	do	35	19 60
"	3	Blue	Frock	Coats			23 50	70 50
"	1	do	do	Cloth	do		25 00	25 00
"	2	Pair	Pantaloons		No 3	4	4 50	9 00
"	2	do			do	3	12	4 25	8 50
"	1	do			do	2	10	3 50	3 50
"	1	do			do	2	00	2 50	2 50
"	1	Vest				190	2 62/4	2 62/4
"	1	do				135	2 00	2 00
"	4	do				100	1 25	5 00
"	2	Pcs	Cottonade			185	Yds 20	21 00
"	1	do	Best	4/4	Pt	Blankets	44 00	44 00
"	1	do	Com	4/4	do	do	20 00	20 00
"	1	do	Better	4/4	do	do	30 00	30 00
"	2	do	Strouds	44	Yds		27 50	55 00
"	6	do	Cotton	Osnaburgs	152/4	Yds	14	25 55
"	6	do	Shirting		187	10	10	18 70
"	1	Vest	Linen		110	34/4	110	20	4 90
								$12 66 41

To Amt brot forward				1266	41			
" 1 Quire Paper					25			
" 22 Mens Com Caddes			5.00	110	00			
" 18 Plain Cloaks			5.00	90	00	1466	66	
For the Six Towns								
To 1 Pc Com & Fl Blankets			3.00	3	00			
" 1 do do 5 do		do	24.00	24	00			
" 1 do do 4½ do		do	20.00	20	00			
" 1 do do 4 do		do	18.00	18	00			
" 2 do Heavy 5 do		do	40.00	80	00			
" 2 do Com 5 do		do	45.00	90	00			
" 2 do do 5½ do		do	47.50	95	00			
" 10 do Stroud 220 Yds			2.50	25	00			
" 2½ do ¾ Shirting 850		do	10	81	00			
" 8 do Cotton Ducking 2½		do	14	35	63			
" 22 do Indigo Blues 6/10½		do	13/1	92	96½			
" 2 do Blue Calico 5½		do	18½	10	50			
" 2 do do do 5½		do	22	12	32			
" 2 do Stuff do 5½		do	23½	12	60			
" 2 do Do do 5½		do	31½	17	50			
" 2 do do do 5½		do	35	19	60			
" 3 Pc Blue Stroud Coats			33.50	10	50			
" 1 do do Scarlet do			25.00	25	00			
" 2 Pair Pantaloons No 349			4.50	9	00			
" 2 do do 312			4.25	8	50			
" 2 do do 270			3.50	7	00			
" 1 Vest			190	2.63½	2	63½		
" 1 do			135	2.00	2	00		
" 4 do			100	1.25	5	00		
" 2 Pc Pettenade		40½ Yds		20	20	10		
" 1 do Blankets				45.00	45	00		
" 1 do do				26.00	26	00		
" 1 do do				18.00	18	00		
" 3 do Shirting		99½ Yds		10	9	95		
" 4 do Linen do		135	do	20	27	00		
" 2 do Shirts		81½	do	13½	10	18½		
" 16 White Shirts				63½	10	00		
" 1 Pc Calico		28 Yds		25	7	00		
" 4 do do		112	do	22	24	64		
					1362	28½	1466	66

	Amt brot forward		$ 124 2 2½	$ 14 66	66	
	To 3 Pair Mens Shoes for	5 00	5 00			
	" 3 do Socks	37½	1 12½			
	" 1 Pc Red 3 4 Blankets 70 ℔	45 00	45 00			
66	" 1 do Strouds	27 50	27 50			
	" 1 do Indigo Plaids 34½ Yds	12½	4 25			
	" 3 do Shirting 9 5/4 do	10	9 37½			
	" 3 Mens Saddles	4 25	12 75			
	" 1 Pc Heavy 3/4 Pt Blankets	40 00	40 00			
	" 5 do White Cotton 160½ Yds	15½	24 87½			
	" 6 do Indigo Plaids 208 do	13 3/8	28 44			
	" 1 Hat	3 00	3 00			
	" 2 White Shirts	62½	1 25			
	" Sugar & Coffee of the Value of	3 57½	3 57½			
	" Cash paid Charles Logan by order of the Chief	19 66	19 66	14 68	28	
	For the Chief as per Bill					
	To 1 Pc Com 5/4 Pt Blankets	24 00	24 00			
	" 1 do do 5 do	do 24 00	24 00			
	" 1 do Large Heavy 3/4 do	do 40 00	40 00			
	" 1 do do 3 do	do 45 00	45 00			
	" 1 do do 3½ do	do 47 50	47 50			
	" 5 do Strouds 110 Yds	1 25	137 50			
	" 13 do 3/4 Shirting 403 do	10	40 30			
	" 4 do Cotton Osnaburgs 129¼ do	14	18 09½			
	" 18 do Indigo Plaids 330 do	13 3/8	45 78½			
	" 1 do Blue Calico 28 do	18¾	5 25			
	" 1 do do do 28 do	22	16 16			
	" 1 do do do 28 do	23½	6 30			
	" 1 do do do 28 do	31½	8 75			
	" 1 do do do 28 do	35	9 80			
	" 1 Blue Broadcloth Coat	23 50	23 50			
	" 1 do do Cassimere do	25 00	25 00			
	" 1 Pair Pantaloons	3 50	3 50			
	" 1 do do	4 25	4 25			
	" 1 do do	4 50	4 50			
	" 1 Vest	2 62½	2 62½			
	" 1 do	2 00	2 00			
	" 1 do	1 25	1 25			
66	1		$ 521 06½	82 34		

REPRODUCED AT THE

	Amt brot forward			5 27	06½	$ 29 36
" 1	Ps Cottonade	8 3/4 Yds	20	1	80	
" 1	Saddle		4 25	4	25	
" 1	Blue Frock Coat		25 00	25	00	
" 1	Ps Blankets Ea 4 5 & 20		4 5 00	4	5 00	
" 3	Large Plaid Cloaks		6 00	18	00	
" 25	Brass or Brads		5/4	1	06½	
" 6	Ps Ladies Plaid	20½ Cts	13 1/2	2	91	
" 6	do 3/4 Shirting	18½ cts	70	1	75	
" 1	Pair Shoes		1 62½	1	62½	
" 1	Ps Tin Shirting	34½ Cts	20	1	95	
" 7	Tin Buckets		62½	4	37½	
" 1	do	do	50		50	
" 1	do	do	37½		37½	1 31 77
						$ 36 66 66

Rec'd of Col Wm Ward U.S Agent for the Chactaws Three thousand six hundred and six dollars and sixty six Cents in full for the above Service of Goods and Account if Money this day delivered and paid as ordered by said Agent

C. Dist of the Chactaw Nation
Duplicates
Dated 25 August 1831

Geo. S. Gaines A.G.

Invoice of Goods
for Choctaws or
Mississippi Indians

(1831)

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Lafleur
Greenwood
Chatham County
Georgia.
1831.

New Orleans, July 23 1831.

Mr P. Lafleur

Bo't of BABCOCK, GARDINER, & CO.

11	2 Kegs Rifle Powder		7.50	15.	
	1 " Lead	233 lbs	5¢	11 65	
	Drayage			25	26.90
5	8 Kegs Rifle Powder		7.50	60.	
	2 " Lead	455 lbs	5¢	22 75	
	Drayage			25	83 00
					$109.90

Rec'd Payment by Note
payable 1st July
Babcock Gardiner & Co
In N. O. Banks

New Orleans, July 23d 1831.

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10 95	♥	Bale 4/4	Atlantic Check	743 3/4 yds	15½ cts	127.40
1098	1	— 4/4	Negro Cotton	623/4	— 15	93.53
	8/4	30 Inch	Mississippi Brown Cotton	243/4	9½	23.15
10 2	2	—	Fancy Calico		8.25	16.50
3	2	—	—		8.50	17 —
	2 2/12	Do	Cotton Flag Silk		2 —	4.33
	1	—	Big Shield		—	3.50
	10/12	—	Cotton Shawls		10.50	8.75
10 12	1 to		Patent Thread		5/ —	.63
	1 to		—		6/6	.81
18	1 to		—		10/ —	.63
24	1/2 to		White Cotton Balls		10/ —	1.25
30	1 to		— — —		10/ —	.63
36	1/2 to		— — — —		11/ —	1.25
	1/2	Inch	Suspender Webb		20/ —	75
			Box —			$300.17
						2239 40
			Amt brot over			$2539 57

Paid note payable in all the
Month of July next.

Babcock Gardiner & Co.

Grocers Liftons
Christ Church
Groc. 1
1831.

Mr. Treamond Deflour

Bo't of BABCOCK, GARDINER, & CO.

Y.	235	1	Bale 4/4	Brown Shirting	555 3/4 yds	10	55.57
A C N		2	Bale 7/8	Appletons	1522 1/2 yds	9½	144.64
N		2	—	—	1544.	10	154.40
E B C		3	— 4/4	Heavy Sugar Cotton	1613 yds	15.	241.95
A	137	1	Bale	Plaid Linings	615 3/4	25	151.44
	92	1	—	Plaid Denims	560.	12½	70 —
E	97	1.	4/4	Atlantic Check	937 3/4	13½	126.59
B	816	1	Case 3/4	Chickopee Bleach Shirting	667.	10½	70.03
N	86	1.	4/4	Patent Power Loom	597.	12½	74.63
		1/2		Fine York Mill Shirting	38.	23	8.74
	2	10.		Fancy Calico		8.00	80 —
	3	10.		—		8.25	82.50
	4	10.		—		8.50	85 —
	5	10.		—		8.50	85 —
	6	10		—		8.50	85 —
		7.		4 Lay Silk Ribbon		2.62½	18.38
		4 9/12		Dark Turkey Red Shawls		7.25	31.41
		3 4/12.		Fancy Printed do		10.50	35 —
		5.		Fig'd Middle Ribbon		3.50	17.50
		2.		Velvet Ribbon		3.	6 —
		2.		Patent Leather do		7.	14 —
		7.		Brazillian Side combs		3/6.	3.94
	4	1.		Pocket do		14/.	1.38
	7	1.		do		15/.	1.88
	11	1.		do			3.50
	15	1.		do			10.50
		3.		Fancy Belt Ribbon		3.50	10 50
		1 Pc		Ribbon Fig'd do 15 yds			4.50
		1		Gent's Suspender Webs			2.50
	16	6 lbs.		Nº 8 Brown Thread		5/6	4 13
V	25	1 lb		Sky Blue do			1 —
1	24 & 30	3 lbs		12 Cotton Balls		14/.	3.75
V	36	1 lb		do		11/.	1.38
	104	1	Bale 4/4	Hamilton Plaids	1046 lbs	17.	177.91
W.B.	234	1.		Fancy Striped Blankets	100 pr.	3.62½	362.50
V		2		pairs worsted do Round Belt	2.50		5 —
		1 —		Round Do			3.63
		3/4		30 Reel Appletons Cotton	91 3/4	9½	8.72
				1 Box —			1 —
							2239.50

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Benj. H. Cleveland
Wm. S. Colquhoun
Choctaw Agency Sept 7. 1831.

Relating to Capt Nail's
proposition to transport
Indians to Mobile.

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Rec'd 14th Chactaw agency 7 Sep. 1831

Sir I have just rec'd a proposition from Capt Hall for moving the emigrating Chactaws on expense from Chickasawba to Vicksburg from 150 to 180 miles to find them in provisions to pay all ferriages & to be at every expense for waggons &c at 5¢ per head, a reasonable charge being not more than 2¼ cents per mile for each and found in provisions — Such a Contract would save a multiplicity of little accounts and bring those from the interior who would be difficult to transport by any other mode Capt Hall is a half bred Chactaw & is a chief elect by the S. E. district — he is able & capable to perform the Contract, of which fact you can be fully informed by Maj. Armstrong who will go down direct to Washington — Be pleased to reply to this as soon as possible.

Very respectfully
Yr: Ob: Servt.
Wm. S. Colquhoun

Gen. Geo. Gibson

Ennis 63 Choctaws
Capt J. B. Clark
Little Rock Sept 7. 1831.

Lt. Ryan has, by orders,
made Conditional Contracts
for rations on the route from
Memphis, Helena & Post Arkansas
to L Rock at 8 cts per ration.
From L Rock to Kamichia
at 6 1/4 cts

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No. 29 Copy

Little Rock.

September 7th 1831.

General,

My health is so far restored that I hope in a few days to be able to attend to business.

During my confinement I instructed Lt Ryan to make conditional contracts for supplies on the routes from "Memphis," "Helena," and the "Post of Arkansas" to this place, which has been done at six cents per ration, also from this place to Fort Smith, (should any Indians go that way,) at the same price; and from this place to Miamichia by the way of Washington at six and a fourth cents per ration, the contracts are more favourable to the United States than I supposed it would be done for, taking into view the difficulties of furnishing supplies on some parts of either of the routes. The contracts are conditional, should no supplies be required the United States will sustain no loss, and are only bound to receive what may be actually required, if any.

By the above arrangement supplies can be placed, if necessary, on either of the routes before named, by having a short time to prepare; I hope the removal will commence in time to get through before the winter sets in, as the roads in many places in this country are almost impassable for Wagons in wet weather, or when the water courses are full.

I am Sir.

With Great Respect.

Your Mo obt Servt

J. B. Clark

Capt U. S. A.

Genl. George Gibson

Com Gen of Subs

Washington, City.

Emig 64 Choctaws
Wm. d. Colquhoun
Choctaw ag. Sept 7. 1831
Encloses a letter from
G. Leflore

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Rec'd 24th Inst

Choctaw agency 7th Sept. 1831

Sir

Enclosed is a letter from Col. Greenwood Leflore on the subject touching the location & duty of the agent controling the disbursements of the removal. In my previous communications all the information I could obtain has been made & I have little to say in addition that would not be extraneous, I shall notwithstanding write by every conspicuous mail to apprise you of my being constantly on the spot & ready to commence operations.

I am very respectfully
Yr. Ob. Servt
M. P. Colquhoun
Y. C. A.

Gen. Geo. Gibson
Comy Gen

W. Douglass the person appointed to value & sell the Cattle who was very sick is much better. W.S.C

General George Gibson
Commissary Gen. of Sub
Washington City

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Rec. 24 Sept. Choctaw Agency Sept 6th 1831

Sir

I have the honor to state it as my opinion that M Colquhoun or some other agent should be stationed at Vicksburg & authourised to procure suitable Steam Boats of light draught from Louisville or New orleans to be in readiness at an appointed time at Vicksburg & up the Yazoo River also to procure ferriages a crop the River at Vicksburg for those who go that way by land with the horses & cattle and to have the power to employ & pay ~~Explorers~~ men for such purposes as may be required for the service

I am your obt svt

Greenwood Leflore
Chief of Choctaw
Nation

To Gen. Geo. Gibson
Comsy Gen Sub.
Washington

Emig 65 Choctaws
T. T. Crofts
Madison Co Sept 17. 183[illegible]
Has rec? and accepted
[illegible] of Special Agent

Genl Geo. Gibson
Commissary Genl of Subsists
Washington City

Rec'd 28th Sept.

Madison Sept. 17. 1831

Sir -

I have received your letter of 5th inst. transmitting an appointment from the Secretary of War, as Special Indian Agent which I hereby accept.

The appointment was entirely unexpected to me, and I have therefore all my arrangements yet to make. These however shall be hastened as much as possible, and so soon as they are complete, I will set out in compliance with your instructions. In the meantime, I hope the circumstances stated will excuse my delay ——— I am Respectfully

Sir

Your Obt. Servt.

S. T. Cook

Genl. Geo. Gibson

Commis. Genl. of Subsistence

Washington City

Copy of the
Appointment of
Samuel T. Crosby
as Special Ind. Agent
dated Sept. 3. 1831.

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Department of War
Washington September 3. 1831

Sir,

You are hereby appointed a special Agent of this Department, to aid in the removal & subsistence of the emigrating Choctaw indians west of the Mississippi

If you accept this appointment, you will report for duty to the Commissary General of Subsistence, and you will be allowed for your services four dollars a day from the date of your acceptance until this ~~appointment~~ shall cease.

Respectfully
Yr. obt. St.
Lewis Cass

To Mr. Samuel T. Crosfs,
Madison Indiana

According to Major Armstrongs enumeration there are
19544 inhabitants in the Choctaw nation including 97 white
& 248 negroes.

Genl. Wm. Ward
Choctaw Agency
Choctaw Agency, Ia
Sept. 9. 1831.

Has seen the circular
offering $10 &c &c.
Will those Choctaws who
have never previously been entitled
to this commutation?

Rec.d 28th Sept.r Chactaw agency 9. Oct.r 1831

Sir. I wrote by last mail & by every previous one after my arrival here giving all the information I could obtain suggesting every thing calculated to promote the object of the Government in removing the Chactaws. Yesterday Colonel Ward rec.d from Okaya Gaines the "circular" allowing the commutation of 10$ - which arrangement will relieve the department from much trouble & ensure a speedy removal of the Indians. I have however determined to remain here until I receive further instructions. Col. Le Flore is still here & together with Col. David Folsom (a chief also) have expressed their approbation of the new arrangement. The greater part of the Chactaws will cross at Skullyville where provisions ought to be supplied - I have written to Capt Clark to that effect & shall do so again by this

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mail — I beg to be informed of the manner intended to be adopted in making the allowance of 10$ to each — I have to suggest that tickets be given to each individual on this side, descriptive of the persons holding them & presented by them in person to the agent on the other side of the Mississippi — Unless such precaution will be necessary to prevent imposition. There are several hundred Chactaw Indians in this new territory who removed last fall & winter Will they be entitled to the Commutation allowance?

The weather still continues wet & is now warm & unwholesome; much sickness prevails on the Yazoo & Mississippi & it is clearly admitted that a movement at this period & for a month to come would render the party moving liable to contract disease, the apprehension therefrom of delay does not exist & the Indians are perfectly satisfied to remain until cold weather commences.

It is believed in this Country that the re-

fusal of the Government to ratify sales
king of reservations will cause them to sell for much
— less on account of the doubt & uncertainty of the
in- ultimate grant thereof. This has however little
the weight with the speculator who will take a
in legal conveyance of the right of the Indian
of the (as he by the extension of the laws of the State
will — over this Country) a competent party to a
There contract — but the aforementioned disability will
in this be used always by the purchaser as good cause
for a reduction in the price of the reservation
inter I have had no letter from the Department
estation since I left Washington.

Mr Conyers the person appointed to value
now Fort Wells is at Columbus sick, &
waits this prisoner however his duties will in a great
admitted measure be dispensed with as the Indians
a will for the most part embrace the
moving offer of commutation.
can I am Sir
Indians very respectfully
sold Yr. ob. Servt.
A. M. Gallaher
Q. M.

Gen. George Gibson
Com Gen of Subs.

en-

Copy 67 Choctaws
Columbia 16 Sept 1830
From
Wm S Colquhoun
advises of the appointment
of Majr Bowsing in place of
Mr Douglass dec'd - will
receive instructions from Genl
Gaines on the subject of
emigration &c &c

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Rec.d 2 Oct

Columbus Miss. 16 Sep. 1831

Sir I came up here with Col. Ward the Chactaw agent & by his request to advise with him in the provisional appointment of some person to fill the place of the late Capt. Douglass who died on the 8th inst. Such was appointed by the Secretary of War to value & sell the Chactaw Cattle. The necessity for this step seemed absolute, the sales being advertised and Col. Ward & Authority employed a Maj. William Bowie a very respectable & responsible man who started this day on his route through the nation in discharge of his duty.

I return to the Agency this evening where I expect to await instructions from Col. Gaines who I understand has the superintendance of the removal as far as the west bank of the Mississippi. The emigration by the way of Point Christ will be extensive & I have written to Capt Clark requiring Supplies & provisions at that Point. The transpor-

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tation in Steam Boats I apprehend may to the low stage of the water
higher up the Arkansas than the Post. In a letter will not be arrest
to Capt. L.P. Taylor at Louisville I requested him at a
to make known the probable wants of the emigrants have
at Vicksburg about the 1st of November of light
draught Steam Boats to convey them up the Arkansas
The extension of the laws of this state over the
Choctaw Country it would seem has induced
the impression that the laws of the U. States
regulating Indian trade had been superseded. I
am led to this conclusion from of the daily
occurrence of facts particularly that of the
unrestrained purchase in this place of quantities
of Whiskey by the Indians who transport it
in different directions through the Nation
producing an utter subversion of every law
or regulation. Perhaps orders from the Gen.
War Department instructing the agent
to prosecute, might in some measure

arrest the progress of this evil. If it were adventured at Vicksburg & at this place I am sure it would have a good effect.

I am Sir Yr: very ob. servt
D. S. Colquhoun
Lt. Col. A.D.C.

Gen. Geo. Gibson
Com. Gen. of Subs

Envg 68 Chickasaw
Lt. Ledyard
Choctaw agency Ap. 11th 21.
Wagons for the removal of the
Chickasaw Agency & property to Fort
Col. 21

Gen.l George Gibson
Comy Gen.l Subs
Washington City
D. C

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Rec'd 8 Oct

Choctaw Agency 28 Sept. 1831

Sir

By the last mail from the South I was in the 13th & 24th ults with the enclosures were duly rec'd. The appointment of Col. G.S. Gaines instead of the certain Lt Peyton R. he is now making the necessary arrangements for that purpose.

Waggons can be obtained to any extent from Red River in Louisiana. I cannot speak certainly when the march will commence but will certainly to say the 15th Oct.

The sale of the Cattle has commenced at a loss of more than one half their valuation. The Indians are bringing them forward for valuation, choosing to take the same number than West of the Mississippi, rather than the money. I have not heard from Capt Clark since I left Arkansas but presume every thing is done to meet the emigrants on their arrival

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I suppose if the Arkansas river should be high enough for a Boat to go to Little Rock a Fact Smith, the circumstance of Col. Gaines' agency extending no further than the West banks would make no obstacle; but that the same conveyance would continued.

I shall be punctual in communicating our Progress. I have the honor to be very respectfully

Yr. Ob. Sv.

W. S. Colquhoun
Asst. Ins. Agt.

Gen. Geo. Gibson

Carrying 69 Choctaws
Capt. W. B. Clark
Little Rock Sept. 15th 1831
Have sent Captain C
Reamey and Col Peter
to mouth of White River
& try wagon to pass up
Ark. Road

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Rec 15 Oct.

Little Rock.
Sept. 19th. 1831.

General,

I have sent St Ryan on the route from this place to Kiamichia to select suitable places to deposite supplies, should it become necessary to do so. I have also sent Lodo Rector with the teams to the Mouth of Ushite river for the purpose of bringing the wagons into the Prairie near the Post of Arkansas, where the oxen can be herded and the teams exercised daily to keep them gentle, they will be kept there until I am informed where the Indians will cross the Mississippi, unless Lodo Saflore should require them to be sent into the old Choctaw country, in his letter to to me he nearly says he is authorized by Major Hook to call on me for wagons if necessary, but does not say whether or not he will do so.

Very Respectfully
Your Mo. Obt. Servt.
S. B. Lelaurt.
Capt. U. S. A.

General George Gibson
Com. Gen of Subs.
Washington, City.

Comg 1st Choctaw
U.S. Colquhoun
Doaks Stand Sept 30. 1831

Has employed by order of
Col Gaines two persons to
collect teams, supplies &c
– they are L L Parker and
Thomas McGee.

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Rec'd 19th Oct

Parks Stand Sep. 30. 1831

Sir

Since receiving your last by the way of Vicksburg of the 24th ultimo I have been instructed by Col. Gaines the Superintendent to Contract for subsistence & to employ some discreet person acquainted with the Country & Capable of judging of waggons & teams fit for the service to hire the number of waggons required for Leflores district. Conformably therewith I have advertised at Columbus & Jackson & at intermediate places for supplies of fresh beef Corn & Salt by the ration or in bulk, for the emigrants of Leflores district on this road & have employed Mr. Joshua J. Parker the proprietor of this place to procure the waggons. I shall proceed immediately to Rankin to make arrangements for the removal of the emigrants from the Yazoo river & return here by the 18th of October to close the Contracts for the waggons & subsistence at this place.

Col. Gaines in his letter to me expresses his entire approbation of my proceedings on the upper end of this road; where I have the satisfaction to inform you Mr. Thomas McGee is engaged hiring waggons & contracting for rations. A part of Mushulatubbees Party will go by Memphis.

Col. Gaines wishes me to apply to the Commanding officer at Black Creek near Rankin to open the road to Blanton ferry at Point Chicot, and I shall do so but fear the unhealthiness of the season & the boggy condition of the ground will prevent the accomplishment of that object. The mail branches off at this place to Rankin 50 miles — 25 miles from Rankin on the ridge between the Yazoo & Big Black is situate Benton the seat of justice for Yazoo County. Manchester is on the Yazoo

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60 miles from its mouth 140 miles from Benton 135 from
Yazoo which is near the Chactaw line, direction from this place
N.W as I before said about 50 miles. Georgeville is a
little town 10 miles beyond Big Black on the road from
to Benton.

I have not yet seen Col. Gaines & Mr. McGee
told me he should not come into the nation till
about the 15th inst.

I am informed that the road leading from
the bank of the Mississippi opposite Vicksburg to
Lake Providence, crosses the lake by a ferry
& penetrates the upper Country nearly on the line
between the State of Louisiana & Ar. of Arkansas

The movement may be later than contemplated
but I trust it will be effectual when it takes
place which is satisfactory to all parties.

I am Sir
Yr. very Ob. Svt.
C.S. Calhoun
Ge Agent

Gen. Geo. Gibson
Washington

Enmg 71 Choctaw
Capt. W. B. Clark
Little Rock Sept 5. 1831.

Lt Stephenson has Contracts
200,000 ~~to~~ 250,000 lbs of beef
will supply 3200 indians till
1 Jany next. — Has advertised
for a 3 mos supply for 8000
&c &c.

1,080,000 lbs. Beef wanted.

LITTLE ROCK, A. T.
15th Sept. 1831.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the subscriber, at this place, *until the 22d day of October*, 1831, for the delivery of *One Million and Eighty thousand pounds of* FRESH BEEF, at the Mouth of Kiamichia, on Red River, on the 20th day of December, 1831.

It is the wish of the subscriber, to divide the above quantity of beef into three separate contracts. Persons making proposals, will please state the price at which they will deliver at the above named place, Three Hundred and Sixty Thousand pounds of Beef, in bulk, on the hoof: also the price at which they will slaughter and deliver the same quantity, the hides and tallow, in the latter case, to be the property of the contractor.

Good and sufficient security will be required for the faithful performance of contracts, and payment will be made at this place, on production of the receipts of the United States' Agent at [illegible], for the delivery of the beef.

Persons making proposals will please attend at this place on the 25d day of October, that contracts may be closed as soon as practicable.

J. B. CLARK,
Capt. U. S. Army,
Supt'g. the Rem'l. & Subs't. of Indians.
39-4w

22 Oct. Little Rock.

Septem 15th 1831.

the 18th Augt, accompanied by a copy of your
ud. circular to the Chiefs of the Choctaws,
ated, forms and contracts was received by

on the 9th of Augt, that I had directed
for 250.000. pounds of beef, in addition to
ously contracted for, it was with a view to
r the arrival of the five thousands at their
of January next, the uncertainty as to the
probable number that will remove this fall induced me to withhold
making a further contract until I could learn something more
satisfactory on the subject, by your letter of the 18th Augt I am
informed that the number that will emigrate this fall will
probibly exceed Eight thousand, I will therefore in the newspapers of this place advertise for proposals to contract for
beef for that number, for the first Quarter of 1832 (a copy of
which I herewith enclose to you) previous to making contracts
for the Second quarter of 1832, it will be well to advertise in
the Missouri papers that the people of that State and Illinois
may if they think proper bid for contracts, at present there would
not be times sufficient to make contracts and have beef brought
from there before it will be required for issue.

In your letter of the 18th Augt you suggest whether it would
not be well to advertise for corn and beef at the same time,

the corn to be issued in Red River, must be furnished by the settlements on Chats river, as it will not be a transportation from the interior, and persons who may wish to deliver beef, might not be disposed to contract to deliver corn, unless you intend that the contracts should be separate; Mr Fleshenson has a better opportunity of making an advantageous contract for corn than myself being in the vicinity of the Red River Settlements.

Indians can be more easily supplied at Fort Smith than on Red river, and at a lower rate, as there is more corn near that place than on Red river, and the facility of obtaining beef is much greater, I am apprehensive that the Red river Settlements will not furnish corn sufficient for Eight thousand Indians one year.

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obt. Servt.
S. B. Clark
Capt 4th S. D.

General George Gibson
Comsy Gen of Subsistence
Washington, City.

Evening 7½ Choctaw

Capt. S. B. Clark,

L Rock. Sept. 16th 1831.

The road from Memphis to L Rock almost impassable for wagons. advises that the Indians who may go to Memphis be put aboard of steamboats and brought to L Rock or Fort Arkansas. &c

adverts to his desire of being relieved.

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Rec'd 22 Oct

Little Rock.
Sept. 18th 1831.

General,

In your letter of 13th Augt. to Colo Gaines, you speak of two principal modes that present themselves in removing Indians, by Steam Boats by the way of the mouths of the Yazoo river, and in wagons by the road to Memphis, as respects the latter mode, I beg leave to remark that there has been so much rain during the Summer and fall, that the swamps I am informed on the road from Memphis to this place have not been dry at any times during the Summer, and from the representation of persons who have traveled it on horseback, it is doubtful if wagons could be brought through empty, in any thing like reasonable times, should any Indians come to Memphis I believe it would be the interest of the United States, (and certainly a great saveing of time,) to put them on Steam Boats and bring them to the Post of Arkansas or to this place.

I have said so much on the subject of being relieved in my present duties, that I beg you to pardon me for again introducing it, to me it is a matter of no ordinary interest, I feel that my reputation is at stake, and owing to the many unavoidable difficulties which present themselves in a country like this, the chances are greately against me, I cannot accuse myself of being whimsical in this matter, as I never would, voluntarily have undertaken the duty had I known that any part of the responsibility of the removals would, have devolved on me, and I beg you to believe, (if I am allowed to have a choice,) that

viewing the weight of responsibility as I do, I could not be induced to continue on the duty.

I am Sir
With Great Respect
Your Mo. Obt. Servt
J. B. Clark
Capt U. S. A.

General George Gibson.
Com. Gen of Subsistence
Washington, City.

Encg 73 Choctaw
Wm. S. Colquhoun
Oakland Oct 3. 1831
– The troops, ordered before the
date to make the road, arrived.
– Made an estimate for
$24,000 –

Oct 24th

Coakestand

2. October 1831

Sir

I yesterday rec'd from Col. Gaines a letter advising me of the appointment of Mr Ross & enclosing an order to the Commanding Officer of the two companies of the 3d Infty on the Yazoo river to cause a road to be opened across the Yazoo & Mississippi swamp to the river bank opposite Point Chicot. In the opinion I advanced to Col. Gaines of the impracticability of making a wagon road through the swamp, I am sustained not only by the fact of the unprecedented overflow through this Country, but also the advice of every one acquainted with the location of the trace.

The prospect however in any event of working it this fall is placed out of view, by the removal of the troops to Cantonment Jesup La more than a week ago, where they had been previously ordered.

I have not yet heard of the arrival of Mr Ross in the nation, I have rec'd no communication from your dep't since that enclosing the appointment of Col. Gaines.

I expect a great number of the Indians will embrace the offer contained in your

Circular

of the 12th. of August.

The estimate enclosed is made in conformity to the request of Col. Gaines in his letter to me of 1st. October (this), "I wish you to make out & forward to Gen. Gibson an estimate of the probable expense of conveying the emigrants Contracting them from Vicksburg to the place of landing on the Arkansas River and of the passage &c." I request that the amount may be deposited, if convenient in the Bank at Vicksburg"

I have estimated for only three hundred that about 2000 will go by Memphis & Pine Bluff and a number on their own resources availing themselves of the commutation of 10 $., which allowance I am indisposed to believe will cause many to delay their removal to a later period, than contemplated & agreed upon at the different conferences I have had with the Chiefs.

I have had already a number of wagons & advertised for rations which I expect to get at 6½ cents, the price Col. Gaines has agreed upon by Contract with Col. D. W. Wright of Columbus. I design to be in Vicksburg from the 25th and after, while the crossing & embarkation takes place.

I am Sir very respectfully
Yr. Ob. Svt.
Wm. S. Colquhoun
Lt. 1st R. Agt.

Engrs - 74 - Choctaw
Capt. J. H. Clark

Little Rock Oct 13th 1831.

Encloses Lt. Ryan's report upon the state of the road to Washita &c. &c.

enclosure

Rec'd 4 Nov.

Little Rock.
October 3d. 1831.

General,

In my letter of Sept 12th I informed you that I had sent Lieut Ryan to Miamichia for the purpose of selecting suitable stands to deposite supplies, after performing that duty he returned to this place on the 27th ultimo.

I have the honour to enclose herewith his report, from which you will perceive that after passing Washington the road will require some repairs to enable the Indians to reach Old Genl Towson without probibly being detained on the way by high water, &c. Lt Ryan has made arrangements to have some repairs made the expences of which will not be great, and has recommended others which would be of great importance in the removals of Indians, driveing cattles to that country for their subsistence, &c, but which I do not feel at liberty to have made, unless authorised by you; the expences to the United States of supplying a large party of Indians detained at any of those creeks by high water, a few days, would probibly exceed that of having Bridges put over them, and at the season when the Indians will be passing over that part of the route to their new homes, we may reasonably expect high water and bad roads.

No communication has yet been received from Colonel G. S. Gains agent for the Removals &c of Indians on the East

of the Mississippi, consequently I am still uninformed of the possible time when the Indians may be expected on the West bank, or the places where they will cross that river.

Very Respectfully
Your Most Obt. Servt.
W.B. Clarke
Capt. U.S.A.

General George Gibson
Com Gen of Subsistence
Washington, City.

On Public Service

To Captain J. B. Clark.
U. S. Army,
Genl. Sup.t Ind.n Rel.s & Sub.ts Indians
Little Rock.
Ark.s Ter.y.

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Little Rock Ark. Ty. October 1st 1831.

Captain N. B. Clark U. S. Army
& Genl Supt in Rem. of Sub. Indians

Sir.

I have the honour to report to you that, in compliance with your orders of the 6th ult. I have been to Cantonment Lawson in Company with Mr. Belding the Contractor for subsisting the Choctaw Indians from this place & that garrison, & returned here on the 29th ult. I have in accordance with your instructions selected such places for depots of provisions as I thought best on account of convenient distances and good supplies of water the last point of deposit is at a place known by the name of the Water Hole, that is twenty miles from the Post and a supply of water is to be had there at almost any season of the year. I have also obeyed your instructions as to the examination of the condition of the Military Road between Washington and the Cantonment and on that subject I prepared to offer a few remarks and suggestions to you. to wit. Considerable repairs are required at the following named places principally causeways; some bridges will be required which I will mention hereafter. the bottom lands, through which the road passes, of the Plum Creek, Mine Creek, the Saline Bayau, the Big and Little Cossatots, and three of the Little River and its Cut offs, besides the above named there are some few places beyond the

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Choctaw line which require some repairing. The
Bridge over the Little Coperton being no longer service-
=able and that stream as well its bottoms being very
difficult to pass I have made an agreement with
a Mr. Hankinson, who lives near that stream,
to construct a bridge and repair the bottoms of
that Bayou through which the road runs. I have
also made an agreement with a Mr. Holeman to repair
the road where it passes through the Valley Bottoms
and I would also recommend the construction of a
bridge over that stream, I think this would be advi-
=sable on account of there being no Ferry Boat
there (the one that was there is washed off), the stream
being liable, at the season of the year that the Indians
will probably pass it, to be too high to be fordable
in which condition it possibly might remain for
some three or four days at a time, which, from all
that I could learn, together with my own little knowl-
=edge of the stream, I have no doubt is often the case
in the fall and winter. I have made a contract with
Mr. Holeman, subject to your approbation or disappro-
=bation, to construct a bridge at that place at the
rate of one dollar per foot the stream is about
Seventy or Eighty feet wide and has very steep
banks. For the same reasons above offered I would
also recommend the construction of a bridge over the
Big Coperton, this stream is, I think, about one
Hundred feet wide and when high runs very rapid
for that reason a bridge over it would require
to be more solidly constructed than that over the
Valley. Dr. McWilliams a responsable citizen
of Washington Hempstead C. H. will construct

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the a frame, tripled bridge over that stream at the ...ice= rate of three dollars per foot the tripples not to be more ...ry than twenty feet apart, that is the price given by ...the Lt Collins A. Q. M. the officer who is superintending ...saw, the construction of the Military Road now running ...s through the Territory. a reason in favour of bridges over I have the streams above named is, the expense of our days re= ...repair= traction of five thousand Indians for provisions at any ...ations one of those streams would more than pay for the of a Construction of the bridges required, besides such ...di= Expense the public wagons will be very liable to. ...vat be much injured in descending and ascending the steep stream banks of those streams if they are not bridged.

From information obtained of Mr. Hartfield Indians a the for all town= cases with pro= at the out= up would or the our ...y rapid ...ure the citizen of

a resident in Scott County, near Little River and the Representative from that County in the Terri= =torial Legislature, I am induced to believe that the present road can be made five miles shorter and the Cut Off of the Little River avoided. The passage of that Cut Off is the most difficult part of the whole route. A new road can be cut at a trifling expense as it would pass through an open wood. The repairs above named are among the most im= =portant required on the road from Washington to Kaut. Town and should much rain fall during the time of the removal of the Indians the necessity of them will be very great.

very respectfully
I have the honour to be
Your obdt servt
[illegible]
Capt U.S. Army
Agent Chas & Choctaw Indians

Emig. 7th Choctaw
Capt. W. R. Clark
L Rock Oct 1st 3d & 5th 1831

Sends property returns, pro. return & acct Curt - all for 3d Qr. - with contract for supplying rations &c

2 receipts

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Rec.d 4 Nov.

Little Rock.
October 8.th 1831

General.

I have the honor herewith to enclose to you a Contract for supplying rations to Indians on the north side of the Arkansas river.

I am Sir.
With Great Respect.
Your Mo. Obt. Sv.t
J.B. Clark
Capt. U.S.A.

General George Gibson.
Com.y Gen.l of Subsistence
Washington, City.

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Rec'd 4 Nov

Little Rock.
October 1st 1831.

General,

Enclosed herewith you will receive my Troop[illegible]
Returns, and Vouchers for the 3d. Quarter of 1831. also my
returns of Provisions received and issued for the same
period &c.

I am Sir,
With Great Respect
Your Mo Obt. Svt
St. B. Clark
Capt U. S. A.

General George Gibson
Com Gen of Subsistence
Washington, City.

Rec'd Nov.

Little Rock.
October 30 1832.

Generals.

I have the honour herewith to enclose to you my Account Current, Abstract, and Vouchers for the 3. Q. Quarter of 1832.

I am. Sir.
With Great Respect
Your Mo Obt Svt
S. B. Clark
Capt U. S. A.

Genl. George Gibson
Com. Gen of Subsistence
Washington City

Capt. W.B. Clark

L. Rock Oct 19. 1831

Sends copy of letter from
W.S. Colquhoun — finds it
necessary to appt. two additional
agents. Mr W. Mc K. Ball
and Doct Dalton.

enclosure

Rec.d 10th Nov.

Little Rock.
October 19th 1831.

General,

I have the honor to enclose to you a copy of a letter received by mail on the 15th inst. from Lt. S. Colquhoun, Agt ind Rem.d & Subs of Indians, from which you will perceive that it has been determined to bring the Indians to four separate points, viz Memphis, Fort of Arkansas, Blantons ferry near Mount Vincent, and Vicksburg, in consequence of which I have found it necessary to appoint two additional agents to assist in their removal and Subsistence, I have sent Colonel Lt. Rector to Vicksburg to take charge of the party that will pass by Lake Providence, I have appointed Mr. Lt. M.c K. Ball, of this place a Special agent and sent him to Blantons ferry to take charge of the party that may cross at that point, and have also appointed Doctor J. J. Fulton of this place as Special Agent and sent him to Memphis to take charge of the party that may arrive at that place.

Not being informed whether the party by the way of Memphis will come prepared to pass through by land to this place, or to descend by water to the Fort of Arkansas, I have deferred making arrangements to have them supplyed on the Memphis route, until information can be had on that subject, which Doctor Fulton has been instructed to obtain as soon as practicable and communicate by express to the Superintendent at this place.

In consequence of parties coming by the way of Vicksburg and Blantons ferry it becomes necessary to make contracts to supply rations on those routs from the West bank of the Mississippi

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to Kiamichia, which is herewith enclosed, there was not time sufficient to invite competition, and to allow the contractors time necessary to place supplies on the route, I had consequently to make the best arrangement possible at the moment, the high prices and difficulty of procuring supplies on these routs has greatly increased the prices of the ration.

Capt Brown has arrived, Lt Ryan will be sent to the Post of Arkansas on duty.

I am Sir
With Great Respect
Your Mo. Obt. St.
J. B. Clark
Capt A. S. C.

General George Gibson
Comm Gen of Subs
U.S. Washington, City.

Copy. Rec'd 10th Nov. Choctaw Agency 24th Sept 1831.

Dear Sir,

Colonel Ewing the Sup't for the removal of the Indians advises me to send and express to you, to apprise you of the approach of the Choctaws, which fact has been heretofore communicated respecting those to arrive at Point Pleasant, and the Post of Arkansas. It is now decided that a party from Mushulatubbees district will proceed will proceed by the way of Memphis under charge of Capt Mac Gilvery, so that you will have to aid them from that point with an agent and the necessary funds. They will be at Memphis on the 10th Novem. A large party will cross at Vicksburg and go through by Lake Providence, another party by Blantons ferry at Point Pleasant, and the Steam Boats will Land at the Post of Arkansas, about the 1st November, where it will be expected that waggons and provisions are in waiting.

I am just off for Rankin where a letter will find me till about 1st Nov.

I am Very Respectfully
Your Ob Ser
(Signed) Wm S. Colquhoun.
Special Agent

Capt Nov. B. Clarke
Supt R. S. Indn
Little Rock

Envig 77 Choctaw

Capt. J.B. Clark

Little Rock Oct. 9th 1831.

Capt. Brown not arrived

Has sent an express into

the Old Choctaw Country for

information

Ku.o 12 Nov.

Little Rock
October 9th 1831.

General.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th September relieving me from the duty of superintending the Removal Subs of Indians. Capt Browne has not yet arrived.

Having received no information from Colonels Graves as to the times when the Indians will probably cross the Mississippi or the points where they will pass that river, and believing it to be very important that the Agents at this place should be informed on those points with a view to gain that information I have sent an express into the Choctaw country.

My Account current Abstracts and Vouchers, together with my Property returns, and Returns of Subsistence, for the 3d Quarter 1831 were forwarded to you by the last mail.

I am Sir
With the Greatest Respect
Your Mo. Obt. Servt.
A. P. Clark
Capt 3d Infty.

General George Gibson
Com Gen of Subsistence
Washington, City.

Enrg 78 Choctaw

Lt. S. K. Cobb

Camp Phoenix Sept 2. 1831

Asks to be placed on the

duty of Removal & Subs.

Rec'd 12th Nov.

Camp Phoenix Sept. 20th 1831

Gen Gibson

Sir Having been informed by Lieut J. N. M. Ryan (1st Art.) that it will be probably necessary to employ more officers than are now on the duty of transporting & subsisting the Choctaw Indians on this side the Mississippi. I respectfully request to be placed on that duty. If placed on that duty I will ask the Commissary General that no exertion on my part shall be wanting to perform my duty correctly & legally.

Gen Gibson

C. Mashuntubbee

J. K. Cobb
Lieut 3 Mfy

Cobb

Evening 11 o'clock

W. J. Colquhoun

Cooks Stand Oct. 20th 1831

Was employed by Col Harris
advice, to ll. Hawkins a ½ pt
a day — Was made two
contracts for rations
[illegible]

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Rec'd 8 Nov.

Bracketsville 20th Oct 1831

Sir

In my conference with the chief Greenwood Leflore about the beginning of September last it was distinctly understood and agreed upon that the emigrants from his district would amount to near 3000 – That a station on the Robertson road in the nation near this place should be the point of assemblage for the Eastern section and that at Rankin's for the Western that the 15th day of October should be fixed for the period of breaking up & moving and to those two places, with a view to enrolment & preparation for starting, – Under this arrangement I hired 10 wagons & contracted for provisions & gave notice in all directions that I was ready for the emigrants at this point as well as at the encampment on Black Creek (lately evacuated by the troops under Capt Lewis) at which place I had made similar arrangements of hiring wagons & contracting for provisions. While absent on the 9th inst. the enclosed letter from T. McHarkins the Chief elect (but not recognised by the Government) with information from other sources that the from Harkins –

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the Indians had failed to assemble, that the wagons were coming in & were at a loss to know how to proceed - I hastened over, & being convinced that the Indians would not assemble I instantly discharged the wagons giving to each a certificate of service with a request for them to be kept in readiness until pleasure of which due notice would be given.

By Hastins letter it will be perceived that he may have been the cause of their failure to assemble. He went through the district & called a Council at which he advised them to move on their own resources & that he would lead them & procure for them the commutation allowance of 10 ℔. He well knew their inability to move, but as his letter fully proves acted solely with the view of frustrating the object of the Government. He has great influence with them & can lead them to the plains, & as he evidently wished to be employed in the removal I have by the advice of Col. Gaines sent him an appointment to collect them allowing him at the rate of two dollars fifty cents per day while engaged in the employment. I am still in hopes to have the assistance of another influential man of the nation named John Ellis who I have employed to collect them) that a large body will yet assemble in the course of two or three weeks. Ellis is now calling councils & exhorting them to come forward.

Being obliged to return here [illegible] Gen. [illegible]

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go to Vicksburg to meet the parties coming on from Mushulatubbee & Nitakechi districts in order to provide Carriages & Steam Boats. I have by and with the advice & Consent of Col. Gaines employed Mr. Robert M. Jones an intelligent & educated Choctaw to act as "assistant Agent" to the party assembling on Black Creek near Rankin. The high character of Mr. Jones given to him by Col. Gaines warrants the assurance of his efficiency & entitles him to the respect of the department. Any communication which may be directed to him, will find him at George Ville Post office near Black Creek. The Rankin Post office is equally convenient but not as convenient. —

I have rec'd. no letter from the dept. since the date of 24th August. I have contracted with Genl. Long of the Choctaw nation for corn required at the Camp at Black Creek for this party, at the rate of five cents & five miles. He is to supply them to Vicksburg at the same rate. At this encampment I have contracted with Messrs Dank. W. Wright & Samuel Ragsdale at the same price (say five & half cents) to furnish as far as Vicksburg.

The weather is good & the Indians efficient. Nothing but a compliance on the part of the Indians to assemble is wanted to ensure the accomplishment of the removal.

I made an Estimate which you have rec'd. on this & of course shall want money soon as I have none in my hands belonging to the Govt.

I am Sir Yr: ob: Servt.
Wm. S. Colquhoun
Special Dis. Agent

Maj Gen. Geo. Gibson
Comy Gen'l.

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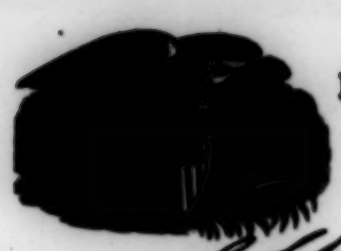
Note. Mr. Long is an Indian Countryman the
brother in Law of Col. Desmoreaux Sifler. The con-
tract attached to this bond was put in his
hands to [illegible] procured, but as the requisitions
therein contained were complied with & the business
finally settled is deemed for the present unnecessary &
improper of the same nature with that of Wright
& Rankin

Chas. Tompkins Esqr
Com. Agent for Indian Affairs
Detroit

Copy of a letter from
the Secretary of War
concerning the delivery
of Indian Goods



KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

That We Samel Long of the
of the Chickasaw nation
and
are held and firmly bound to the United States of America, in the sum of
One thousand dollars dollars
lawful money of the United States; for which payment, well and truly to be made,
we bind Ourselves, and each of us, our, and each of our heirs, executors, and
administrators, for and in the whole, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

SEALED WITH OUR SEALS—*dated the* 10th *day of* Oct
in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty one

The Condition of this Obligation is such,

That if the above bounden Samel Long
heirs, executors, or administrators, or any of them shall and do in all things well and truly observe, perform, fulfil, accomplish, and keep, all and singular the covenants conditions, and agreements whatsoever, which on the part of the said Samel Long to heirs, executors, or administrators, are, or ought to be observed, performed, fulfilled, accomplished and kept, comprised or mentioned in certain articles of agreement or contract, bearing date one thousand eight hundred and thirty one between Wm S Colquhoun agent for the Rem. Tribes of Indians and the said Samel Long concerning the delivery of ~~Fresh Beef on the hoof at~~ Rations ——————— according to the true intent and meaning of the said ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT OR CONTRACT,— then the above obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Witness
Wm S Colquhoun

Samuel Long

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Sealed Proposals will be rec^d by the subscriber until the 15^th of this month for supplying rations of fresh Beef Corn & Salt to the Choctaw emigrants of Ls flora ~~daytrict~~ from their place of appointage on the Robuck or road near this point to the Terminations of their emigration on the Mississippi River. The number of daily issues supposed between 2 & 3000

Persons making bids are desired to attend at this place on the 15^th to be present at the opening of the proposals. The price furnished at, also the price beef corn & salt will be supplied at by the pound & Bushel. The ration consists of 1½ pounds Beef 1 pint of Corn & 2 quarts of salt to the 100 Rations

Oakdale Post Office
Oct 1^st. 1831

Wm. S. Guhonne
Special Agent

Wanted at the same time & place about forty waggons & teams of Steers or Oxen for which a liberal hire will be given.

W. S. C

N. Nash's Extra
Services Commenced
19th Oct 1831
.50 per day

Muster Roll
of Waggons at
Columbus Miss.
15th Oct 1861

A List of Owners & Drivers of Waggons & Teams mustered into the Service of Col. George S. Gaines Capt. for the Removal & Sub of Indians to be used in that Service as far as the Mississippi River unless sooner discharged

Owners Names	Drivers Names	place of residence	No Waggons	No Horses	No Mules	No Oxen	Wages p. Day $ Cts	Commencement of Service	by whom Mustered & where Mustered
Allen Dowdle	Allen Dowdle	Lauds County	1	4		paid	3.50	15th Oct. paid	Thomas McGee Agt
Valentine Nash	Same	"	1	1	3	paid	3.50	" "	acl Removal & Sub of Indians
John Mullin	Sarft. Mullen	"	1	"	+	4	3.00	paid $207.66	Columbus 16th Oct 1831
Mason Cummings	Reason Mason	"	1	"	+	4	3.00	paid	
Lemon Baly	Same	"	1	"	"	4	3.00	paid by Col Gaines	
John Rogers	Jonathan Ellison	"	1	"	"	4	3.00	paid	paid
Jams E Miller	Reuben Snell	"	1	4	"		3.50	paid	
John Bailey	Same	"	1	"	"	4	3.00	paid	
John Daves	Same	"	1	4	"	"	3.50	paid	
John Brownlee	John Cummins	"	1	4	"	"	3.50	paid	
John Linton	James a Mann	Pickens	2	8	"	"	7.00	Paid	
James Bailey	James Davis Winfield Baily	Lauds	1	"	"	4	3.00	paid	
John Ethridge	Ugane Finely	Jasper Lauds	1	5	"	"	4.00	paid	back pay 30.00 Memphis pr. acct
Thomas Ellington	Same	Pickens	1	3	1		3.50	$100.00	Sub pr. acct
Thompson Allen	Same	"	1	2	2	-	3.50		one odd Horse to be sold Rengalow Bluff
John B Jones	Finley Dobson & Isaac a Mann	Lauds	2	2	6	"	7.00	paid	
James Dobson	Same	"	1	5	"	"	4.00	paid	
Alex. Gray	Shadrach Sterling	"	1	"	"	4.	3.00	paid	
Bart & Moore	Luellen George	"	1	"	"	4.	3.00.	paid	paid
John Rogers		Lauds	1	"	"	4	3.00	4th Nov	Furnished Team & driver 5 days

Copy 80 Choctaw

W.S. Colquhoun

Doaks Stand Oct. 21st 1831.

More information in
relation to the movements of
the Indians. — Encloses a
Commutation ticket

enclosures

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Rec. 8 hrs.

Oakleston 21st Oct. 1831

Sir In my letter of yesterday enclosing that of George W. Harkins to me, I did not apprise you of the movements in the other a Eastern district of Netuckachies & Mushulatahs being at the time without authentic information since then by a letter from Colonel Gaines I learn that 3500 of Netuckachies will be on the march for Vicksburg on the 28th inst and 2000 from Mushatubbees about the same time will leave their Rendezvous near the Choctaw agency, one half for Memphis the other for Vicksburg besides about 400 who cross at Helena on their own resources under Capt Jesse Folsom & others. Since my last I have had intelligence also from Leflores district, that I may depend on their immediate assemblage as desired: so that in 15 days it may be safely calculated that near 7000 will be on their way to their lands in the West.

I enclose you a ticket as a specimen of those given under the authority of the circular. That part on the left hand with the words "Commutation Certificate granted to", is numbered & retained in the book

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and will be a guide to the paying agent over the Mississippi. A list will also be kept in a book for such district.

I am Sir

Yr: Ob: Svt

W.S. Colquhoun

Apl. Ir Agt

No.

COMMUTATION.

Certificate granted to

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No.

Commutation.

The Bearer

of Captain

Company of the

Having decided to emigrate, without further aid from the United States, than the payment of ferriages and supplies of provisions when passing public depots. He will therefore, upon his arrival at the Western Choctaw Agency, be entitled to ten dollars, each.

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Capt Wm. Calquhoun
at Soaks Island
Mississippi

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Choctaw Nation, Oct 18th 1831

Dear Sir

I received your letter a few days since, stating that I was appointed to attend to the Removal of the Indians, on both sides of the Mississippi river, and I have neglected to answer your letter until now.

And now in answer I must inform you, that it is absolutely out of my power to attend to the removal of the Choctaws in Col Ledbetters district.

I have already spent 3 weeks in riding through the district, preparing the people to move this fall, and I cannot be at the trouble and expense again, without receiving some compensation for my troubles.

It is the duty of the Treaty making Chiefs to attend to the removal of their people, as they are paid for their services, by the general government.

The fact is you will never be able to get the Choctaws to emigrate this fall, unless you employ some of the Natives, to assist you, in preparing

them to Remove to their new Homes this fall.

Should you think it prudent to employ some man to assist you in getting the Cherokees to remove, I would recommend you to get Capt Thomas Lefore: as he has a great deal of influence with his people— It is my opinion that you can get the people to ready by the 20th of next month, if you are Industrious— In my travels through the district, there was 1500 who registered to go this fall; but they have concluded to go on their own footing, and receive the 10 dollars after they get west— I have been waiting for Col Ward to return home, and so soon as he gets back, I shall appoint a whole district Council, as those who are going to remove this fall on their own footing, will have to get their Certificates—

The war department says that they will not recognize me as chief; and now I have determined not to put my self to any trouble in attending to the removal of the Cherokees— The fact is I can be chief if I want to be— I am sorry to

to inform you, that the most of my people, have determined not emigrate until Spring — It will be some time next fall before I shall remove. I know it will be best for the Choctaws to go as soon as possible, as they are destroying themselves, and spending what little property they have for whiskey. I should be very glad if I had an opportunity of seeing you, and conversing with you — I shall start up to Columbus tomorrow with my family, and shall expect to spend about 3 weeks there.

Yours with Respect

George W. Harkins

Capt. W. Clark

Little Rock Oct. 25th 1831.

Sends acct up to 24th Oct.—

Will go to N. Orleans by order

of Capt. Bonneville, for the $1,000

deposited there to his (Capt B's)

credit.—

enclosure

Rec'd 30 Nov.

Little Rock
October 25th 1831.

General,

I have the honor herewith to enclose to you my accounts & vouchers & abstracts and vouchers to the 24th instant, on which day my duties as superintending the removals and Subsistence of Indians ceased.

Captain Brown finding it necessary to have money at this place to carry on his operations, determined that I would either have to go to New Orleans for the Ten thousand dollars deposited there to my credit, (no part of which has yet been drawn for,) or to remain on duty at this place until he could go for the same, I preferred to go to New Orleans to remaining at this place, I enclose you a copy of his order his receipts for ten thousand dollars to close my accounts will be forwarded to you on my return to this place.

I also enclose to you my Property and Provision returns with vouchers to the 24th instant.

I am Sir
Your Most Obt. Servt.
J. B. Clark
Capt. U.S.A.

General George Gibson
Com Gen of Subsistence
Washington, City.

Copy. Rec'd 28 Nov

Little Rock, A. T.
Oct. 24th. 1831

Sir,

You will proceed to New Orleans, (La.) without delay and obtain the funds (Four thousand dollars,) deposited there by Govt. to your credit, and will return with the same to this place, with as little delay as practicable, prepatory to the fulfilment of Special order No 103. of the 8th. and to comply with the instructions of the Com.g Gen.l of Subs of the 9th. Sept.r 1831.

and I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) S. Brown, Lieut. 6th. Infty
Supt. Remd. of Indians

To
Capt. S.B. Clark A.C.S. Dep.t
late Supt Remd of Indians
Little Rock. A.T.

Copy of No 82 Choctaw
W. J. Colquhoun
Canton Miss. Jan 18. 1834
Detailing the number of
Indians to start & go
- Requests instructions as
to his future disposition.

Rec. 8 Dec

London Office 11th Nov 1837

Sir

The most immediate direction and control of the emigration having been arranged to Col. Currier my engagements keeping me active in the field from this mark, my communications have necessarily become infrequent.

I have now to inform you definitively as to the number & direction of the moving parties.

No. 1	by Memphis with Mc Gee &c.		500.
2	Gen. Hodgson (Commutation party)		200.
3	Col. D. Hodgson, Mr. Norwood &c. by Vicksburg now encamped.	3	500
4	Robert Jones Charleston &c. from Black Creek now at Vicksburg	3	100
5	Natchez Indians, Dept. Genl &c. Men in Vicksburg	3	1800
6	Capt. S. T. Gross agent &c. on the march between here & Vicksburg	3	500

This is the number enrolled & to which 3600.
may be added One Hundred Chiefs attending 100
making to 3700

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In the rear from the flanks of these parties a considerable number may be detached but their destination is uncertain. I have met with a little detention here owing to the necessity of giving up my horses to the expresses from Gen.l Coffee & Maja Eaton who have required the Govt Col. Ward now at Vicksby to notify the Chiefs of their wish to meet them in council at the [illegible] last of this month.

We shall send the Chickasaws and their baggage by Steam Boats and their horses & baggage through by Little Rock. They have a great aversion to Steam Boats arising entirely from exaggerated stories they have been told of their danger

I have the [illegible] to say that the arrangements of the Storage transportation & provision accounts

have what is now [illegible] to a [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]

Note
The Num
Letter was

have been rendered so simple that the
whole operation will admit of settlement
immediately after the accomplishment of
removal.

I have to request instructions relative
to my future disposition whether to take
a station in the interior of the nation
to enrol for removal in Aggrey, or
take post at Point Chicot Vicksburg
Helena or Memphis to cause the
commutation allowance of the Creek
of the River I have considered by far
the most proper place for the assembly
of the Indians.

Please address me at Vicksburg

I am Sir with great respect

Yr. Mo. Ob. Sv.

Wm. S. Graham

Special Indn. Agt.

Note
The Number of emigrants mentioned in this
letter was subsequently increased to nearly 6000

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Vicksburg Nov 23 1831

Wm. Colquhoun

Dist. Agt

Wm. Colquhoun

Vicksburg Nov 23d 1831

I send herewith a letter of the 23d inst. & draft. Gives some details as to the removal of Choctaws; the numbers who go over in Steam Boats &c.

VICKSBURG MI. NOV 29

Rec'd 19 Decr Vicksburg Nov. 29. 1831

Sir I have to acknowledge rec'd of your favor of the 25 Ult & 1st Curt respecting the Draft which has been duly rec'd and of which I have turned over to Col. Gaines $7000 & to Capt S. T. Ross 3000 & Col W. Rector 1000 - this last was required to aid Col. Rees to in subsisting the party going by land via Lake Providence.

I have abstracted & consolidated the account of Wright & Ragsdale the Contractors - have settled with them & paid them every cent due them for forage & subsistence. My accounts shall be forwarded as soon as I can duplicate the abstracts. Wright & Rag dales' acct amount to $648 00 a reasonable sum for the subsistence & forage of so large a body for the same period. The number which have crossed & embarked on board 4. Boats may with certainty be estimated @ 3000 viz

Steamer W. Scott	1000	The Scott to the Post of Ark. the Reindeer to Little Rock
" Reindeer & 170 tin Keels	600	
" Talma	500	Both those Boats up the Washita to the Cote au Fabre
" Cleopatra	500	
" via Lake Providence	500	
	3100	
via Memphis with McGee	450	
	3550	

besides those about 5 or 600 have had commutation certificates

issued to them & as many more have crossed without a support from any quarter. The last of the party & on the river opposite this place took up the line of march this morning. There are a few straggles about here hunting their horses lost in this vicinity to whom I think support ought to be extended & I have accordingly given it to them.

I had some trouble with Grunwood before which if necessary at some future time I will detail to you. He & I are at present very good friends having "buried the hatchet" not in form but in spirit after a sharp contest.

I understand it is contemplated to transfer the Choctaw cattle for issue. Such an arrangement will only answer where beeves are turned over - The majority of the cattle that I have seen offered for valuation were miserably mangey looking things. Much excitement prevails relative to the neglect shown to Major Downey who was removed by the public authorities in this state en masse. The fact is the major from what I have seen of him is competent to fill

any station has been a senator of the state
he is in all respects a worthy man. He has
sold all the Cattle offered, for valuation
or exchange & under the orders of the Superin-
of Indian Affairs (Mr. Hamilton,) could
do no less than sell at a sacrifice
being obliged to sell immediately after
Valuation, proceeding from house to
house through the nation. The
necessity for appointing an agent (provis-
orally) on the decease of Mr. Douglas
was absolute to enable the emi-
gration to take place in time

I am Sir
Your Most Obt. Sv.
Wm. J. Colquhoun
Sp. Ch. Agent

The Steamboat Remelee
which he intended should go
to L Rock put the indians out
at the post of Ark[ansa]w.
Mr Coly - had contracted for
her to go to the Rock - But
the Adt. Genl Mr Norwood
against express orders had
her discharg[d] at the post &c &c
This error has thrown up large
bodies of indians together
& must create great distress &c

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Dear Sir Vicksburg
Dec. 30th 1831

Sir I am just out of a sick bed confined for a few days with bilious fever. The weather is more colder here than it was ever known before & the rains for sometime past have been incessant. The St. Genl Rinaker which I intended for Little Rock put the Indians out at the Post. She immediately took in Col. Many and 100 troops. I had contracted for him to go to the Rock, to that the waggons would have been clear of loading but the asst. Agt. Mr. Norwood against my express orders gave him up & discharged him. This error has thrown together Folsom & Nutuka chiefs parties likewise the Memphis party altogether about 2300. I understand they have no other means of transportation than the 40 waggons & they are impossible. This situation is distressing & must get worse, they are gen-

very naked and few moccasins are amongst them. The snow has now been on the ground here without diminution since yesterday morning and the party just arrived embarking on the Walter Scott for the forts are in the most wretched condition. I enclose you a statement of my acts to show what disposition has been made of the family which have come into my possession.

It would seem that steamboating was very high minded it is too true, but I assure you every caution by advertisement & otherwise has been resorted to in order to procure them on better terms. The disgusting sight of a vessel loaded with human beings under no control or regularity, leaving their evacuations in every direction through the whole range of the Cabins & decks would create in the mind of any one an additional allowance for the transportation. This party now embarking of Fishers consists of 200. they are a wretched set of beings nearly naked & have wanted the last 24 hours though a chief & snow shoes if I could have done it with propriety. I would have given them shoes. I distributed all the Tents & this party are entirely without

Col. Gaines left me this morning

for home via New Orleans. He does not intend to return. He speaks of raising a party at Mobile, but I do not agree with him my opinion is that somewhere near Dooks. Bragg or any where in the nation is better. I am yet quite unwell & hardly able to walk. I have not been out of the house for a week & regret the absence of every article but myself with as much as my hands. I have been obliged to obtain a room large enough for an office & bed room. It has been thronged for the last 3 weeks & even during my severe illness I was constantly beset. Small parties have been crossing in the train of those moved by the Gov.t & tickets, forages & provisions (this being considered a depot) furnished them I have done without every thing I could dispense with & hope when I render my account it will be deemed reasonable & correct.

Hoping I may not disappoint you confidence in me I remain

very respectfully

Your Ob.t Serv.t

W. S. Colquhoun

Capt. & Com. A.Q.M.

Capt. Geo. Gibson

C. G. S

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P. S. The demands to be satisfied with the balance of money on hand amounts to near [redacted] so that I shall have nothing to meet contingencies with, it will therefore be necessary to transmit me a draft for £ or £ which will be sufficient I think to meet every claim.

W. J. C

Estimate

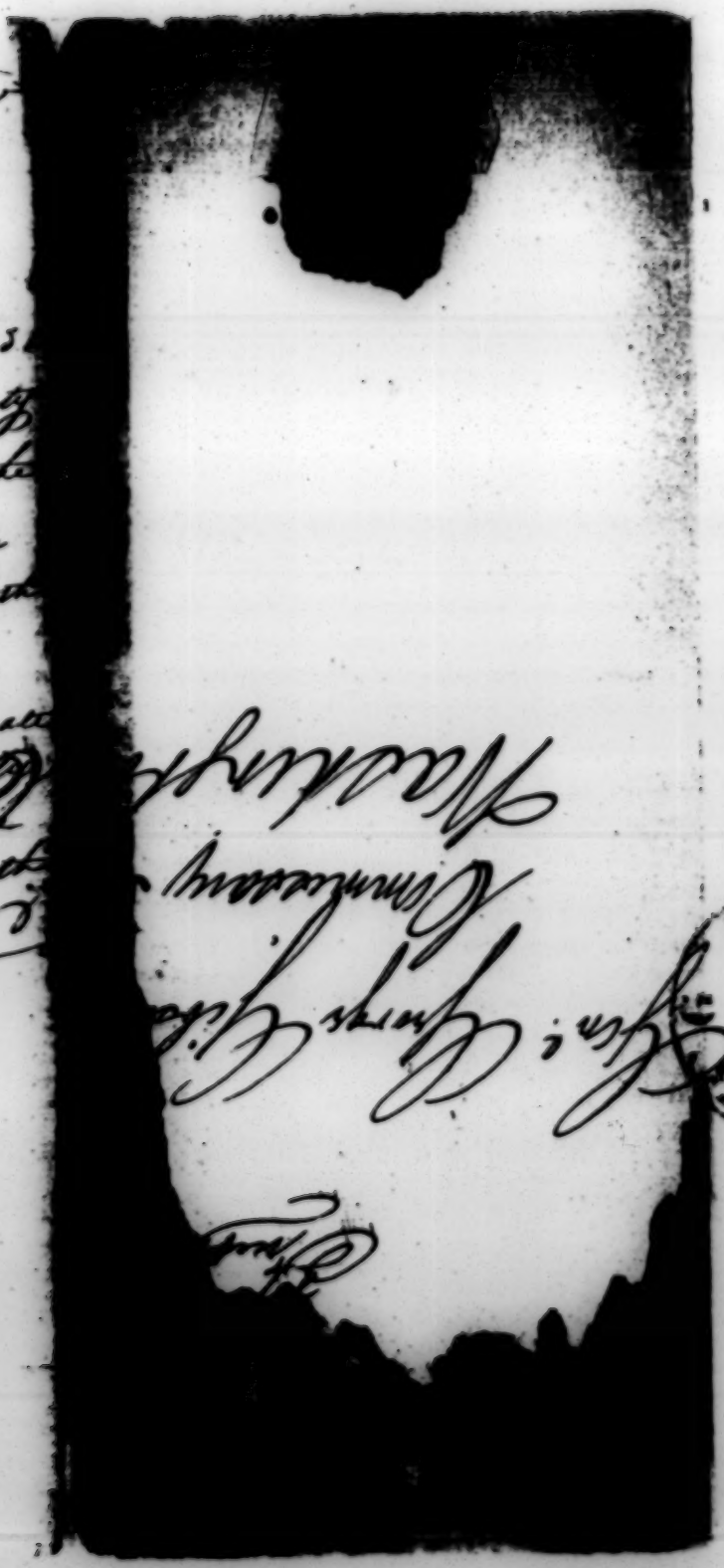
The 2 Boats up the Washita (trip	4100
probable delay days say	1500
	5600
The wagons with Fisher	
party . . .	1500
The Walter Scott now	
loading for Cotteau Jabre	2000
probable delay days	600
	9700
Add Subsistence of fishing party from East Rock to Cotteau	1500
	11200
Jabre say	1000
	12200
contingencies . . .	8398
deficiency	3802

Lewis 833 Choctaw

Wm. Cobbs agent

Choctaw Agency Dec 11th 1833

The indians of Fishers party
have, at his suggestion got the
amt. of their annuity in
shoes & blankets and cut cloth
The most severe weather
ever experienced in that climate
Had it been a day sooner
the whole tribe might have
passed through the swamp with
little difficulty.



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Dcm. 30th Vicksburg Dec. 11th 1831

Sir I wrote you by the last mail & have now to inform you that Capt Fleiher & his Indians are all on board & ready to be off.- I have paid off all the ~~[redacted]~~ of the party amts to 1618 $. The Indians at my suggestion got the amt of their annuity in ~~Blankets~~ & that cloth. Messrs Campbell & Bennett ~~[redacted]~~ let them have it, altho neither chief nor Col. Ward the Agent were present, this condition required it, and no doubt can possibly exist as to the correctness of the issue ~~[redacted]~~ The swamp is at this time said to be impassible & this evening when I was down at the river I saw two ~~[redacted]~~ on the other side which I fear are those of some Indians who crossed 10 or 15 days ago.

I have passed several winters in this climate but never have seen such a spell of weather before. It has been continually storming with

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rain & snow the last 15 days & the sky overcast nearly all the time. It is truly unfortunate for the success of the Removal of the Indians, rendering the result unfavorable & more expensive. I find now had it been a dry fall nearly the whole tribe might have passed through the ~~swamps with little difficulty. Steamboats~~ are very expensive but very commodious & efficient. I find that an additional sum of $1000 will be entirely necessary I hope to receive it by the 1st. Feby at farthest. I have not received any letter from your Department for some time past.

I am Sir
Yr. Ob. Servt.
Wm. S. Gulsworth
Spl. Agt.

Gen. Geo. Gibson
C.G.S

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Dear Sir

Vicksburg 1st Dec. 1831

Enclosed you will receive the abstracts & provision original returns & frauge returns of issues made to the different parties of Indians who have emigrated up to the 26th & 27th Nov. 1831 by this plan. You will perceive that the pint of Corn was inadequate & that an additional pint was found nessary owing to the complaints of the Indians.

Messrs Wright & Ragsdale have made little or nothing & the probability is that the ration will not again be obtained so low. The change from Corn to meal & flour & from Beef occasionally to Pork & Bacon increased the cost of the ration, but the Contractors felt bound to comply & in settling with them I was obliged to divide the ration

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allowing 3.2 for Br.d & 3.2 for meat & 1 milch for Sick
I hope the settlement will prove satis-
factory.

I am yet furnishing transients
Indians with provisions & forrage
~~I expect~~ a party 150 west
west from Pearl river under
Capt Silas D. Fisher a half
breed. An agent will
be wanted in Arkansas to
pay off commutation Rebels.
I think that service might
be more safely rendered
by Maj. Armstrong than
new agent who knows them all
and would effectually pre
vent imposition. I shall re

main here until I hear from you. The first party onboard the Reindeer & Keel Boat were landed at the Post plentifully agreeable to the requisition of the Contract. The Walter Scott with Col. Gaines & board with [redacted] & 1200 Indians were to have availed themselves of the voyage to the preparations at the Post & the Reindeer was to have accompanied to Little Rock. I understand that Col. Many with a part of the [illegible] wanted the boat & caused the change in its destination. The Brandywine from Memphis with 450 will arrive at the Post about the same time so that upwards of 2000 will be landed at the Post

The Cleopatra and Talma

Encloses abstracts & provision returns, forage returns, &c. In relation to the ration &c. Is still furnishing transient indians with provs. & forage - The 1st Party in the Chickasaw was landed at post Arkansas positively against the requisitions of the Contract.

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Commissary Gen'l of Subs. LR 1831 F-R Choctaw

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Gen.l George Gibson
Commissary General of
Subsistence
Washington City
D.C.

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Dec. 17th

Little Rock Oct. 31st. 1831.

Dear Sir.

Altho' we have not seen each other since we parted after the Seminole campaign I have no doubt you recollect the young man, who discharged the duties of Private Secretary to the Commanding General, now an venerable Chief Magistrate. I am ~~thus tempted to~~ request you from the confidence reposed and the warm friendship expressed for you by the President. I take the liberty of using my acquaintance with you, for the purpose of soliciting of you the confirmation of an appointment conferred upon my brother Dr. John. T. Fulton by Capt. Clark, the late Superintendant of Indian Emigration. — It was somewhat difficult, to procure enterprising and confidential young men at this point, who were qualified for the service, and to be relied upon, as Special agents employed to conduct and subsist the emigrating Indians. In the hope of being retained, as one of the Special emigrating & subsisting agents, my brother has resigned the office of Post Master at this place; has given up his business in the drug line (in which he was engaged) and also a respectable practice, as a physician. I was

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not satisfied, that a temporary appointment, such as he accepted under Capt.n Clark; was such, as to justify him, in throwing himself so completely out of business, as he has done: but, he was desirous to be employed in a more active and constant business, and was dissatisfied with confinement; and, upon assurances from Capt.n Clark, (and I understand of Capt.n Brown also,) that they would solicit his retention, in preference to any other person, who might be an applicant; he is now in the Choktaw Nation, for the purpose of conducting a part of that tribe to their new home, west of the Mississippi. —

Capt.n Clark informed me previous to his leaving this place that it was in your power to confer upon any brother, such an appointment, as would secure him the situation of Special Agent, as long as the business of removing the Indian tribes would continue. - It is therefore, for the purpose of soliciting such an appointment, for my brother, that I now address you; and believing, that his qualifications are equal to those, of any man. I indulge the hope, that my application will be successful.

For information as to my brothers character and qualifications. I refer you to our delegate to Congress the Hon.ble Isaac H. Sevier who is fully acquainted with his standing in the country, and his abilities for business.

I am most respectfully

~~Your obt. Servt.~~

William S. Fulton.

Genl. George Gibson
Commissary General of Subsistence
Washington City.—

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Referred to
Office I. G. S.
3 Sept.

Demopolis Ala
3rd August 1831.

Sir

It was determined by your predecessor at the Treaty held with the Chactaws at Dancing Rabbit Creek in Sept. last to send a deligation of from nine to thirteen Chactaws to explore their new Country west of the Territory of Arkansas and I was instructed by his earnest solicitation joined to that of my friend Genl. Coffee to accompany the delegation with a view of effecting if possible conjointly with Col. Reynolds the Chickasaw Agent an arrangement between the Chactaw & Chickasaw Indians by which the latter might settle on the lands allotted by treaties to the former

That arduous & unpleasant journey was performed by me cheerfully although at much sacrifice in my business; and I am sorry to remark that not a word in reply to any of my letters, or the joint report made to the Secretary of War from Washington as by Col. Reynolds himself has been received and my object in addressing you this letter is to call your attention to the joint report above mentioned and my

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of Lyad letters generally on that subject: but more particularly to my letter of the 30th May last inclosing my account for the outfit & travelling expences of the deligation, so far as the same could then be made out; which I hoped would have been examined, and the balance due me on it, together with my compensation as commissioner duly remitted to me.

The balances due to the members of the deligation I had induced them to beleive would have been paid shortly after their return Home. — I have been much persecuted for these balances; and have made considerable advances on account of them since my return Home to such as found their families in distress for provisions &c. — If it be desired that I should complete the payments please say so, and furnish me with the means. I very much regret that that any delay should have taken place in the payment of these small balances.

Since the publication of the Treaty I have observed that the pay of the members of the deligation is limited to one hundred days: but as Col: Reynolds and myself beleived it necessary to the accomplishment of the important object

Very respectfully

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families intending to settle on the Arkansas or Canadian fork: but on more enquiry I am now of opinion that it will be found necessary to open a road from the Yazoo settlements below Lafleurs, to some convenient point on the Mississippi between the mouth of Arkansas & Vicksburg, and thence to Washington N.T.- The Mississippi swamp is so wide every where as to require much labor to make a road through it for waggons to pass even in the fall of the year, and if it be intended to remove any portion of the Chaktaws this year, and a great number are now in readiness to go, I would respectfully suggest that the person who has been appointed to remove them should be clothed with power to employ persons to open their roads or that troops be detailed immediately for that duty. Indeed the forces ~~in~~ accompanying their removal should be very respectable, & ~~this~~ provided for with ~~this~~ ~~idea~~ ~~in~~ view. ~~The~~ ~~Indians~~ ~~are~~ ~~in~~ ~~a~~ ~~state~~ ~~of~~ ~~great~~ ~~excitement~~ ~~and~~ ~~will~~ ~~require~~ ~~the~~ ~~most~~ ~~judicious~~ ~~management~~ ~~to~~ ~~prevent~~ ~~them~~ ~~from~~ ~~committing~~ ~~acts~~ ~~of~~ ~~violence~~ ~~upon~~ ~~each~~ ~~other~~ ~~or~~ ~~upon~~ ~~the~~ ~~whites~~. ~~The~~ ~~Choctaws~~ ~~are~~ ~~a~~ ~~powerful~~ ~~tribe~~ ~~and~~ ~~numerous~~ ~~and~~ ~~should~~ ~~they~~ ~~become~~ ~~dissatisfied~~ ~~with~~ ~~their~~ ~~new~~ ~~homes~~ ~~they~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~very~~ ~~likely~~ ~~to~~ ~~return~~ ~~to~~ ~~their~~ ~~old~~ ~~ones~~ ~~in~~ ~~spite~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~whole~~ ~~Choctaw~~ ~~nation~~. ~~I~~ ~~would~~ ~~therefore~~ ~~suggest~~ ~~the~~ ~~propriety~~ ~~of~~ ~~having~~ ~~a~~ ~~sufficient~~ ~~force~~ ~~to~~ ~~remove~~ ~~them~~ ~~and~~ ~~to~~ ~~prevent~~ ~~their~~ ~~return~~. ~~I~~ ~~have~~ ~~the~~ ~~honor~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~very~~ ~~respectfully~~ ~~your~~ ~~obt~~ ~~servt~~

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

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George S. Gaines

Demopolis 3d Sept. 1831.

Accepts appt & Suppose dl.
will endeavor to find Capt Clark
as many emigrants by letter as he
can more than the water raises
obstruct the roads &c &c

Rec.d 23.d Sept.

Demopolis Ala.
3.d September 1831.

Sir,

I have duly received your favor of the 13.th ult. with its enclosures and hasten to reply to it:

The appointment of special Agent of the war department to superintend the Collection and removal of the Chactaw Indians as far as the west Bank of the Mississippi River enclosed with your letter I have been induced to accept with no small degree of reluctance: but this reluctance will not in the least interfere with the zealous and faithful performance of the public service requires of one to the best of my judgment and abilities —

The service will be attended with great difficulties: but with the aid of your liberal instructions, and of the Troops stationed on the Yazoo River in openers roads through the Mississippi Swamp, I hope to overcome them so far at least as to send Capt. Clark as many emigrants about the 1.st November as he can move to their new Country before the winter rains render the roads difficult to pass with waggons and families —

I am informed that Mingo Mushulatubbee and his

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adherents have decided to emigrate to the Arkansaw part
of their tract - They I think should collect at the Choc-
-taw Agency and proceed by Memphis or Helena -
Those residing in the Southern part of the Nation and com-
-posing more than two thirds of the population desire
to emigrate to the Red River part of their tract and
insist they ought to Crop the Mississippi lower down;
perhaps below the Mouth of Arkansas - Intelligent
half breeds who have travelled from La fleurs on the
Yazoo through the Swamp to a point on Mississippi
below the Mouth of Arkansas and thence by Washington
hold that Fort ~~Towson~~ Towson insist that they ought to
be removed by that Route. I will dispatch an express
to day to Mr Calgehoun at Rankin Mi. and to the Com-
-manding officer of the Troops said to be Stationed there
or near that place, requesting the latter Gentleman to have
the two Routs mentioned examined immediately and to take
measures for opening Roads and preparing ferries for
Waggons to pass both as soon as possible - This you are
aware will be a Considerable work and could hardly
be accomplished in time by any other means than

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by active Troops - I Should think that a Sufficient force of the Creeks for the road Shall have been fixed upon Marked out Could open them in time for the emigrants by having ten days start of the waggons. Some Sawyers and Carpenters would have to be Sent forward however to build ferry Boats at one or more deep water Course, to be found on the lower road in the Ohesepeepha Swamp - The emigrants Should if practicable enter the Ohesepeepha Swamp by the 15th of October: but I Shall not fix upon the times and places of Collecting them until I my express returns from Tankin with Such information as Mr Calquhoun may be able to give me in relation to the road desired to be opened through the Ohesepeepha Swamp, the mode of obtaining waggons Subsistence there and other useful information -

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I Shall however immediately employ two temporary Assistants to visit the principal Settlements in Mengo Mushulatubbee & Nelucheechee & destricts for the purpose of dispensating the information Contained in your Circular which you have directed me to address to the

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chiefs and others, and to ascertain as nearly as may be the
number who may wish to emigrate this fall, and shall
charge Mr. Calquhoun to have the like service per-
formed in Cal de fleurs district without loss of time -

It has been suggested to me that the Yazoo River would
perhaps admit of Steam Boats ascending as high up as
La fleurs, and that the emigrants could be carried
from thence in Steam Boats to the west Bank of the
Mississippi or perhaps to old Fort Adams: but I
doubt of the fact of the Yazoo being navigable
during the fall months for Steam Boats. It has been further
suggested that perhaps it would be better than to attempt
to carry them through the Mississippi swamp to take them
in waggons down to Vicksburg and thence in Steam
Boats up the Mississippi to Point Chicot or old Fort
Adams — Mr. Calquhoun will be instructed to collect
and forward me all the information in his power also
upon these suggestions, and you may rely upon my
adopting the route and mode of travelling which in
my judgment may be the least expensive to the government
and most agreeable to the emigrants in conformity to the
late treaty - I incline at this moment however to

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believe that the road mentioned through the Mississippi Swamp ought to be opened immediately in any event as even should the Yazoo be found navigable in the fall Months for Steam Boats, which I very much doubt the road would notwithstanding be indispensable for the accommodation of such as may choose to go their own way, and even which to drive their Stock Hogs -

So soon as I obtain the necessary information to enable me to make estimates of the probable expenditures for removal this fall I will make and forward the same to you - It would be well to have five thousand dollars placed to my credit in the office of the Bank of the United States at Mobile and a like sum in the State Bank of Mississippi at Natchez, as the provisions will be principally purchased from Indians, and the money must be paid as the provisions are received.

I shall keep you constantly advised of my operations.

I write in haste - and have the honor to be respectfully

Your obd Servt -

Geo. S. Gaines

Col J. Geo. Gibson
Commissary Genl
of Subsistence

Copy of the affid of
George S. Gaines
as Superintendent of
Removal &c of the Indians
East of the Mississippi
river to the West bank
thereof August 12. 1831

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Department of War
Washington Augt. 12th. 1831

Sir,

You are hereby appointed a Special Agent of this Department, to superintend the collection of the emigrating Choctaws ~~indians~~ and their removal and subsistence to the west bank of the Mississippi river, from whence to the new Choctaw Country, they will come under the Superintendence of Capt. J. B. Clark of the U. S. Army.

If you accept this appointment you will please to communicate with the Commissioners of Subsistence; and you will be paid, for the time actually employed on this duty, eight dollars a day should your services be required no longer than three months in any one year, and five dollars a day thereafter, for any longer period.

Very Respy
Your Obt.
Lewis Cass

Geo. S. Gaines Esq
Demopolis

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Demopolis Ala. Sept. 3. 183

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Referred to the Office of the

Commr Genl Indn. Affs. Sept. 2.

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Referred to this Office 23d Sept

Demopolis Alabama
21st September 1831.

Sir,

The Commissary General of Subsistence has transmitted to me the appointment of "Special Agent of the War Department to superintend the Collection of the emigrating Chactaws, and their removal and Subsistence to the west bank of the Mississippi."

Had this appointment been made shortly after the ratification of the late Treaty with the Chactaws I should have accepted it with pleasure, as then, I should have been confident that the ample time afforded for preparation would have ensured a performance of the duties of the Trust to the satisfaction of the Indians and the government.

I need not conceal from you sir, that in accepting it at this late day, I feel a reluctance which nothing but a sense of duty, and the necessity for the immediate services of an authorized Agent of the Govt in the removal of the Indians, would enable me to overcome.

I am sensible of the great importance of putting the emigrants in motion so as to enable them to reach

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their new Country before the winter sets in - and am aware that loss would accrue to the Govt; and that much embarrassment and Confusion would be the consequence of delay in removing a portion of the Indians this fall - I am also sensible that the happiness and prosperity of the Indians would be Consulted by their early removal and Settlement beyond the reach of ~~the jurisdiction of the State and Territorial Governments~~

These Considerations induce me to forego my own interest and inclination and undertake to discharge the duties of the appointment - I cannot however promise to spend more than two Months of my time in the woods this fall, as I had, under a belief that the Govt had lost sight of the intimation given the Indians at the late Treaty, by your predecessor, that they would be removed under my Superintendance, made engagements to spend the ensuing winter in Mobile - I can however with Convenience spend the latter part of the next Summer and fall in this Service -

I hope, that, with the aid of the Troops on the Yazoo to open the road thro the Mesisippi Swamp, the

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emigrants desiring to go this fall may be crossed over the Mississippi early in November. I would respectfully suggest that orders be immediately transmitted to the Commanding officer there to open such roads as may be required.

I will request him to day by express to have the Mississippi Swamp examined with a view to roads ~~leading from the Chattanooga Agency to Helena and~~ from the neighborhood of Col Laflears on the Yazoo to a point on the Mississippi near or below the Mouth of Arkansaw. You are aware that to open roads thro the miss. Swamp will be an arduous duty the Swamp being from 50 to 80 miles wide; and I know of no means of opening the roads except by the aid of the troops. There is no time to be lost, and I undertake the superintendance with the fullest reliance upon the most liberal support from the war department.

With great respect.
Your ob
Geo. I. Gaines

Hon. Lewis Cass
Secty of War
Washington

COPY FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Copy 5 Choctaw

George S. Gaines

Demopolis Ala. Sept 26. 1

— 5000 indian will go over
with the agent & govt. and
one or two thousand under the
Circular of the 12th August.

Asks for 30,000 — 15 to be
placed in Mobile & 15 in
Natchez — 150 tents will be
required.

Demopolas Alª
26th Sept. 1831

Sir,

From the reports of my assistants I am induced to believe that about six thousand Chaktaws are in readiness to emgrate this fall under the charge of the agents of the government; and from one to two thousand upon the terms offered in your circular of the 12th ult, which has been communicated and explained to all the principal persons of the nation.

Mr. Calqhoun is of opinion that in consequence of the unusual quantity of rain which fell in July and August last occasioning unprecedented summer freshets in that section of country, the Mississippi Swamps will not be sufficiently dried this fall to enable us to open such roads thro' it as could be conveniently travelled with waggons, and recommends that the emigrants be conducted to Vicksburg.

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I have therefor made an estimate of the money which will probably be wanted for the payment of the Waggon hire forage and rations for six thousand emigrants as far as Vicksburg.

I am unable at present to form any opinion of the amount which will be required to transport and subsist them in Steam Boats to the post of Arkansas or such other point of landing as may be determined upon; but will write you as soon as I am informed on the subject

In my letter to you of the 3rd Inst: I requested that $5.000. should be immediately placed to my credit as Supt Em. of the emigrating Chactaws, in the office of the Bank of the United States at Mobile and a like sum in the State Bank of Mississippi at Natchez, which I trust has been ordered, as the 15th Oct. has been appointed for the collection of the Indians at the different places of rendezvous, from which time

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my calls for money will be heavy and I request that fifteen thousand dollars more may in like manner be placed to my credit with as little delay as possible in each of the above mentioned Banks to enable me to meet the expences noticed in the inclosed Estimate and others which may occur.

About one hundred & fifty tents will be required for the safety & Comfort of the aged & sickly emigrants, but I hope they will be supplied from the U.S. Arsenal at Mount Vernon; or from Mobile point, to the commanding officers of which posts I have written for them, and of disappointment have them made.

Please address me in future to the Choctaw agency Ms, from which place my letters will be sent me.

Very respectfully
your Obed. Serv
Geo. Gibson
Commissary Gen. Subs

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Col George S. Gaines'
Estimate
for the removal of 6000 indians
as far as Vicksburg Mi.

$ 40,000=

Sept. 23d - remitted $10,000
Oct 15th " — 30.000

An estimate of the probable expenses of removing five thousand emigrating Chattaws as far as Vicksburg on the Mississippi River —

For Reluctaucher and Mushulatubbees district

Hire of 100 Waggons and teams at $4.50 cts per day each including forage for teams ——— $18,000, 00

Rations for 4000 Indians 40 days while at rendezvous and on the March to Vicksburg at 6 cents per ration ——— 9,600:00

For La fleurs district —

Hire of 80 waggons & teams 25 days at $4:50 each per day including forage for teams — } 5,625:00

Rations for 2000 Indians 25 days while at rendezvous and on the March to Vicksburg at 6 Cents per ration. ——— 3000.00

100 Cents for other Contingent expenses estimated at — — — — 375:00

$40,000:00

Errors excepted
Demopolis 28. Sept 1831

Geo. S. Gaines

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a portion of the emigrants from Mississippi dis-
- trict intend settling on the Arkansas and Canadian Rivers
and desire to go by way of Memphis - the expences will
be about the same as of they were to go by Vicksburg
and of Course they will be indulged

Geo. S. Gaines

Remitted on the foregoing estimate:

$15,000 = 4 B^R at Mobile
15,000 - 3 B^R at Natchez
$30,000

Oct 13th 1831.

F. C. Easton

Rec.d 26th Oct.

Demopolis Ala
7th October 1831

Sir

Your letters of the 24th ult. 1st 2nd and 6th Sept. last have been duly received and are now before me.

You will have noticed from my letter of the 26th ult. that well founded doubts are entertained by Mr Calquhoun of the practicability of constructing a suitable road for waggons through the Mississippi Swamp this fall: but I have instructed him to confer with Capt Lewis upon the subject, and to designate the point on the Mississippi river, at which in his opinion the desired road for the use of the emigrants should cross; and to request Capt Lewis to have an examination made of the ground with a view to the opening of such a road from some convenient point on the Yazoo; which ought in my opinion to be done this fall even should it be found impracticable to have it let for

use in time for those going this year, so that it may be ready for next years operations— This road should be extended across the Mississippi to Washington &c. or until it intersects some public road leading to that Village.— By the time Capt. Lewis shall have caused to be made the examination requested I shall be near enough and with such advice after seeing the report of it, in relation to the work as I deem promotive of the public interest.

I have just returned from an excursion through Nelucknicheco district (South Eastern) and a part of Mushulatubbees (North Eastern)—. The 15th of this Month was appointed by Mr. Calquhoun in council with the Chiefs and as I understand in accordance with their wishes for the collection at the different places of rendezvous of such of the emigrants as desired to be conveyed to their new country this fall:— at that period approaches they begin to imagine themselves unprepared for the journey and to see for a little more time:

but as the waggons hired for use of these
two districts have been ordered to meet
at the time and places fixed for
their rendezvous, and are opposed by
persons residing near their border
from Collumbus on the Tombeckbee to
Pearl river, a distance of 250 miles;
no other time can now be fixed for
their collection and my assistants
have been instructed to remain among them
and do every thing in their power to
hasten them to the appointed places
of rendezvous; and I hope to have them
on the march before the 25th Inst. — I
will myself be constantly among
them

Mr Calquhoun who is indeed
a valuable assistant and who has collected
much information in relation to
our duties is stationed in Lafleurs
district (Western) and has been instructed
to make out & forward direct to you
an estimate of the probable amount
of money which may in his opinion
be wanted for payment of the Charter
of Steam Boats to convey the emigrants

from Vicksburg, where I fear that we shall be compelled, to embark them for some convenient point of landing on the other side of the river, a great distance above: & for subisting them while on their passage &c.; which money I request may be placed to my credit in the Bank at Vicksburg as [illegible]

Mr. Cross on reaching the Choctaw Agency will receive orders to join & assist Mr. Calhoun in La fleurs District.

Mr. Calhoun has instructed to correspond with Clarke, and keep him constantly advised of our movements & expectations of co-operating with him, in the great work confided to our management.

I am respectfully your obt. Servt.

Geo. T. Gaines, Supt. Rem. & Sub Indns.

Genl. Geo: Gibson
Commissary Genl. of Subs

Chickasaw Agency
Rec.d 14 Nov. 27th Octr 1831

Sir

Your letter of the 23d Ult. advising me of the remittance of Ten Thousand dollars, five thousand of which to be deposited in the Branch of the United States Bank at Mobile and five thousand in the State Bank of Mississippi at Natchez to my Credit, has been duly received

This remittance is in good time; and I trust the thirty thousand dollars requested in my letter of the 26th Sept. upon my Estimate inclosed in that letter; and also Capt. Colquhouns requisition for the Subsistence and conveyance of the emegrants from Vicksburg to the point at which we may land them on the West bank of the Mississippe River, will be deposited to my credit in the Banks named, and that I may be advised thereof in time to check for the numerous

payments which I shall soon be called upon to make

Since writing you on the 7th Inst. I have been constantly employed in riding from one place of Rendezvous to another in the two Eastern Districts of the Nation, to hasten the collection of the emigrants, to direct their enrolment, and to hasten their march. — Unlooked for difficulties have have been met, and I flatter myself overcome, which had grown out of the serious political excitement prevailing among the Indians. If I am not greatly deceived we shall remove the number that fall, at least, which the Government desires should be removed.

In the South Eastern Districts when I passed through it a few days ago the Emigrants were collecting handsomely, and I have reason to believe that three thousand will march from the General Rendezvous near the Chuckasawhay River in two or three days. From this

time under the care of my Asst-
ants there & his Staff — very few
will remove from that District
upon the terms offered in your
Circular.

In this District they
turn out slowly, although great
pains have been taken to induce
them to meet punctually we have
not succeeded, and those attached
to the Chief Mushulatubbee are but
just coming on. About eight hun-
dred of this party it is believed will
march to Memphis (where they desire
to cross the Mississippi) in a few
days, generally under the charge of
one of my Asstants. The
party called Folsom's party have gener-
ally set out for Vicksburg, about
six hundred under the care of my
Asstants; & four to five hundred
upon their own expences.

From Capt. Colquhoun who
has had several tracks path been

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Stationed in the Western District I have to day received favorable accounts.

I shall proceed from this place immediately to the Rendezvous in the S.o Eastern District, and with as much dispatch as possible, from thence to Vicksburg, to which place please write me.

I remain with great respect
Sir
Your Obed.t Serv.t
Geo.L. Gaines
Dep.y Rem.r Sub. Chickasaws

Gen.l Geo Gibson
Commissary Gen.l
of Subsistence

Dep.y Pay.r U.S. Army
Fort Gaines Ala. Oct.r 1st 1831.
Has no letter of 23.d ult. —
Asst Difficulty has occurred to me

January 20th 1831

From

Greenwood Leflore

on the subject of the

removal of the Chactaw

part of the Trust

Big Island Choctaw Nation
Jan. 20. 1831

Hon J. H. Eaton
Sec. War

Dear Sir,

Your esteemed favour of the 16th November has just been rec'd - I am happy to hear that suitable measures have been taken, by the Genral Government, to carry into effect, the provisions of the late treaty with the Choctaws, & to be assured, that every proper facility will be afforded, for the removal of the people - The views you express in relation to the policy on the part of the Choctaws, of their determination to remove, & will or, in relation to the most desirable mode of their settlement beyond the Miss., entirely accord with my own, & it shall be my aim, to hasten the removal, & to accomplish the plan of settlement you recommend - The people although many of them were at first dissatisfied with the treaty, are now generally convinced, that it was a politic & necessary measure, & are desirous that it should speedily be carried into effect - The Emigration has constantly, since the execution of the treaty, been urged forward, as fast as circumstances would

admit, & still continues to progress – I have deeply felt the responsibility connected with my Agency in this affair, & my mind has been relieved from no small anxiety, by the information that timely provision will be made, by the detachment of troops sent up Red River, for the people who have already emigrated I have urged upon them also the necessity of setting themselves industriously to work on their arrival, in cultivating their land, & think it probable, that a considerable quantity of Corn may be made the ensuing Season – I have also for the purpose of preventing them from neglecting this business, & straggling off to the neighboring Settlements to trade, given licences to two respectable Merchants to settle among them, who will go over this winter, & furnish them with such kinds of merchandize as they may need – Although the Emigration has progressed with spirit among a certain class, there are others who are as yet necessarily detained – I refer in the first place to those, who are in possession of valuable plantations, which possession cannot be transferred to white men desirous of purchasing, and in the next place, to those who are aged infirm & otherwise inadequate to the fatigue of a long journey by land – With respect to the former, if some intimation were given by the Gen. Govt. that White men of good character who should purchase from them entitled to reservations, might by permission of the Chief of the District, remove into the County situated

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[illegible] bringing in any stock, it would greatly encourage the
[illegible] inducement to the Cattle settlement
[illegible] Thousand Cattle at under this Country in
[illegible] this place, & their [illegible] would fix
[illegible] all the towns that [illegible] stay there & settle -
[illegible] would also find their interest in [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] besides the stock which might obtain
[illegible] Produce, & send from the
[illegible] Department to the [illegible] Natural Country in
[illegible] Indians intended, a great end would be accomplished, & that
[illegible] Indian Population of certain parts of the County, [illegible]
[illegible] no [illegible] a Division between the whole
[illegible] could [illegible] Considered essential to the return
[illegible] that the two Surveyors should [illegible]
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[illegible] Chief & attend the Colony for a right to [illegible]
"into the County" - I should like to hear your advice upon
the subject which I consider very important me, & that of every
person here to act - There are about 40 persons in my district, who
are entitled to Warrants, & are in a State of Starvation as to what
course they shall pursue till all of them including my Commissioners
would settle, & remove at once to their Locations, to introduce
themselves into the County to the protection of their Enemies - The
remaining Claimants have relinquished, & those of them who have

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Greenwood Seflore

Indian Office

July 2 1831.

Secretary of War.

Big Sandy, 7th June 1831.

Receipt letter of 7 May
and speaks of the noble
conduct of the Choctaws
in their new Country.
Accepts the
appointment to assist in
the collection & removal of
[redacted] Indians.

Big Sandy Choctaw Nation
June 7. 1831

To the Hon. Secy. of War

Dear Sir,

Your favour of 7th ult. was rec'd by the last mail - I am happy to learn that the Comfort & happiness of the Choctaw people are so much the care of the Gen. Government - Although I have heretofore believed that the most comfortable & economical mode of removing the aged & infirm would be by Steam Boat, yet for the reasons you assign perhaps waggons would be preferable - In order to prepare & support themselves in the new Country after the expiration of the year during which they will be provided for by Govt it is manifest that the people should reach there in time to prepare their land & put in their Crops which can only be accomplished by having very early in the season - The great mass of the people however I think could remove with the help & provide by Government more satisfactorily to themselves if left to their own choice of the mode - I believe, if notice was circulated among them during the Summer & autumn by the Agents of Government that a certain sum per head would be allowed to all who would remove at their own expense, & on a two points on the route designated, where provisions could be obtained if needed, that very many would avail themselves of the Offer - The Indians can travel in their own way at a very trifling expense - Mumbey during the

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last summer removed their families & some also their little stock of horses cattle & even hogs with very little means of sustenance by the way except what their guns enabled them to procure - with respect to those who would need the aid of Government in their removal it would be of little consequence whether they arrived in the new Country sooner than they might by water Conveyance or not - I have thought that the removal by waggons would prove tedious & on account of the difficulty of Constructing roads through an extensive Woodland Country traversed by a number of water Courses would be found Expensive I am not confident however but that it may prove the better mode - The people can easily be got in readiness upon sufficient notice at the time you mention / the month of September / & all who are to go in waggons should be got off within two or three months after - I have asked every exertion to forward the Emigration of the people but find a considerable obstacle in the difficulty existing with many & especially those who are settled upon good lands who by the treaty will be entitled to reservations in disposing of their possessions - This class of people should if possible be among the first to remove so that they may have the opportunity of making good selections of land & the aid & weight their influence in the establishment of good order in the early settlement of the new Country - There cannot however be with some mode is fixed by Govt. for their conveying to purchasers a good title to their improvements - Upon this subject I have lately written to the department & beg leave to refer you to that

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Communication —

I have the honor to remain
Your Obt. Servt.

Greenwood. Leflore

Chief North Mid district
Choctaw Nation

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In answer to the proposition contained in the note enclosed in your Communication "to engage me "to assist in the Collection & removal of the Indians for "a suitable Compensation" I answer, that my desire to promote the best interests of the people with whom I am connected urges me to accept an appointment to any place in which I can be useful to them & as I think that I could do more for their welfare if invested with authority by the Gen. Government I readily consent for any Compensation which Gov! may affix to accept the appointment you offer & would be glad to receive it early accompanied with ample instructions, that I may be prepared to act promptly & efficiently —

G. Leflore

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– Col G Lefevre, says

1 He has heretofore believed that the most comfortable & economical mode of transporting the Indians would be by steam boats, yet for the reasons assigned by the Indians, wagons may be preferable.

2 The people ought to reach the new Country in time to prepare land &c. – they must therefore go very early in the season –

3 The priests could move with more satisfaction to themselves and less expense to Govt if left to their own choice of the mode.

4 thinks if Govt would offer a certain sum per head, through its agents, to all who would remove at their own expense, from two points on the route designated where provisions could be obtained if needed that many would go – – They can travel in their own way at a very trifling expense –

5 As to those who would need the aid of Govt in their removal it would be of little consequence if they arrived sooner by land than by water Conveyance – Was that Steamboat Conveyance best & that removal by wagons would be tedious on acct of the difficulty of making roads thro' Swamps, traversed by numerous water Courses – the latter may be the better mode.

6 The people can easily get in readiness, upon suff. notice, at the time mentioned (Sept.) & all who are to go in wagons should go off within 2 or 3 days after –

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7 The principal obstacle to emigration exists with those who are settled on good lands who by the treaty are entitled to reservation. — This class should be among the first to remove that they may make good selections of land before the influence to establish good order. They can't go until Agent is made it fixed by Govt. for the Company a good title to purchasers — Refer to a comm. before written on this subject.

By Choctaw Nation
January 1831

To Sec War

Posted at Rankin
June 11 —

— he assents to Maj Eaton's proposition to engage him to assist in the effectual removal of the Indians. for a suitable Compensation, he says that to promote the interests of the people he would accept any appt. in which he may be useful to them; and if invested with authority by the Genl Govt could be more useful to them Cannot fix on any Compensation that may be offered to the appt. — asks for it at an early day & ample instructions

Copy of a letter from the
Secy of War to Col.
Greenwood Leflore,
a principal Chief of the
Choctaws

May 7. 1831

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Copy

Department of War
7th May 1831

To Col
Greenwood Leflore
Choctaw Chief
Dear Col:

I had expected to hear from you when you had [redacted] understood the treaty was ratified. Understanding in the winter that your people had gone over, a confidential officer was despatched with funds, and directions to supply their wants. He will remain there with his assistants, to give succor to your people as they go over to their new homes.

The Spring and Summer is not the proper time to remove. The year during which time the Government is to supply them with provisions would expire, should they remove now, before their crops could be ripe in the next year; of course they would be left for a time without provisions. It would be more convenient for the Government, when the waters were high, and Steam Boats in motion, to make the removal: but desirous to act with every kindness towards our Indian brothers,

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our objick is, and will be, to regard their comfort and happiness. We are preparing every thing. Wagons will be in readiness, and abundant Depots of provisions will be placed at different points, ready when notice is had, that your people are prepared to depart. The month of September will most likely be the best time. One half, or one third had better go this year, and the rest follow the next. Upon this subjick write me fully and early

Our Guns. Shoes. axes. Ploughs. Blankets, &c, will all shortly be ready to supply at least one half your people.

The Little Leader and some others, have written, expreseing a wish to remain. Direct his attention to the 14th article of the treaty. He can remain only by becoming a citizen, and subjick to the laws of Mississippi.

Very respectfully

(Signed) John H Eaton

Rec'd

Rankin Mo
September 1st 1846

Hon Secy of War

Washington City

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Big Sand C. Nation
Augt. 30. 1830

Mr. Lee. Sec.

Sir,

Under this date I have addressed a communication to J. J. Hamilton Esq. of the War Department containing [illegible] contain points in answer to enquiries submitted by him - I am answering that the removal of the Chickasaws should be accelerated as much as possible & state the time the treaty was executed have used my exertions to that effect & hope a large number will be got off the ensuing Autumn & notwithstanding some difficulties to which I have adverted in my former Communications to the Department I think my wishes will be realized - The majority of the Captains in my district will remove this year & I am answering that upon their arrival in the new Country they may receive from Govt. the equipage of Clothing, stores &c promised in the treaty & that the Captains who went over last year & are now there may be included in this provision - As I intend to go over myself during the ensuing winter & may take my family with me I am answering to know what Construction the Govt. intend to put upon that Clause of the treaty which provides for the building of houses for the Chiefs - Whether those houses are designed to be the permanent residences & property of the Chiefs who executed the treaty or whether they are to be considered the property of the Nation & to be used as the residences of the Chiefs successively in Office - My arrangements would be varied according to the Construction given to this Clause of the treaty - As I intend to improve a plantation if the house should be designed as my permanent residence whether in office or not I should wish it located upon my improvement - If not so intended I shall make arrangements for building a residence house for the accommodation of my family out of my own funds - As it is necessary in case of the latter alternation that I should soon commence my preparations, I should like to hear from the Department as early as possible - Col. Armstrong has just completed the work of his Special Agency in surveying

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the impressions of the people here from what I have observed of his official conduct & have learned from my intercourse with him of his character, talents & dispositions I am induced to believe that a better Agent for the Chickasaws could not well be selected —

I remain Dear Sir respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Greenwood Leflore
Chief Choctaw Nation
C. Nation

Copy of A. Hamilton's
letter to Col de Flore

July 19th 1831.

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Greenwood Leflora,
a Choctaw Chief.

Department of War,
Off: Ind: Affairs.
19. July. 1831.

Sir,

I am directed, by the acts Secy of War, to request you to inform the Department which route will be prefered in moving West,-that is to say: whether it will be more agreeable and convenient for emigrants to go in steam Boats from the mouth of the Yazoo to Old post Arkansas, or to cross the river at St Helena, as recommended by George S. Gaines, and take wagons from thence. It is very desirable to receive the information on these points as early as possible, that, if it be prefered to take steam boats from the mouth of the Yazoo, measures may be adopted to have the boats ready in time. You will be pleased, therefore, to answer this Communication immediately on the receipt of it.

I am very respectfully
&c. &c

Saml. S. Hamilton

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Rapid River Mo
September 4th 1855

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S. S. Hamilton Esq

Department of Wars
Off. Ind. Affairs
Washington City

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Big Black Choctaw Nation
Augst 30. 1831

J. J. Hamilton Esq

Sir,

Copy of the 29 ult asking for information in relation to certain points connected with the removal of the Choctaw people and has just been rec'd. I have already in my communications to the War Department submitted my views on the subject but not in so explicit a manner as I should have done had I not thought that the plans of the Gen. Govt as to the mode of removal were fixed & unalterable. I have always thought that the plan of employing waggons principally in the removal is not the best that could be adopted. It is my opinion that if depots of provisions were established at certain points on the routes that were given to the people that those who would remove themselves would be allowed by Govt a certain sum per head & be permitted to draw a certain quantity of provisions on their way at the depots established for the purpose that very many of the people, especially those who have horses would avail themselves of the offer. With respect to those who have not horses & the aged & infirm I think that a water conveyance would generally be preferable to that by land. It might however probably would be advisable to employ a few waggons for the removal of such as have much luggage to take with them. I have but one further thought, if waggons are principally to be used, that the best route would be from Standley's a point on the Yazoo Valley to point Chicot on the Miss. & from thence by different routes to the Red River & Natchitoches. On account of the peculiarity of the season however I now think that it would be impracticable to adopt this route. The rains have been so frequent & heavy of late that the swamps would be become impassable & will probably remain so during the season. What waggons are employed should take the route of Vicksburg to which place there are good roads from all parts of the Choctaw Country & from which after crossing the Miss. there are good roads to the places of destination. If S. Boats are to be employed the Emigrants should be collected at Vicksburg where there will probably be a depot of provisions & from thence

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those who are desirous for the Red River Country should be
Conveyed to Washington a town on the Washita River from
which place there is a good Road to Nacanitches in the Choctaw
Country 100 miles distant, or those who wish to settle
on the Arkansas may be conveyed to Fort Smith on that
River - After the necessary preparations & provisions be
Made it will require but little time to Collect the Indians
& it is desirable on many accounts that the work of removal
should be Commenced soon - The people are now in a state
of Anarchy & Confusion - A few unprincipled men are Constantly
engaged in creating dissentions among them with the view of
increasing the influence of those Chiefs & Captains who made
the treaty - Councils have repeatedly been held for the purpose
of breaking those Officers & appointing new ones but the
instructions of Gov. Cass the Resident Agent not to recognise
any Officers but those named in the treaty have as yet
foiled the designs of the discontented - A majority of the
people embracing the sober minded & well disposing part of
them are satisfied with the Change in their political Conditions
& are anxious to remove while the dissipated & worthless part of
the Community persue living under laws which prevent their
indulgence of their Roving habits to remove to a Country
where they fear the restrictions of laws adapted to other frontier
Conditions - I expect to be ready to remove during the ensuing
Winter & I presume that the necessary provisions for the
Settlement of the Chiefs in the new Country & the Comfort of
their families will be made in due time -

I remain
Your Obt Servt

Greenwood Leflore
Chief Choctaw Nation
District C. Nation

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Copy 1.

Big Sand Choctaw Country
August 18th 1831

Maj. J. H. Hook
U. S. Army. Dear Sir.

Your Communication
of 20th June relative to the removal of the Choctaw people
was rec'd a few days since I would have been answered
by last mail but for sickness which incapacitated
me for business — I have occasionally for some time
past addressed the Sec'y of War giving such information
with respect to the State of the people & such suggestions
relative to their removal as I thought might be useful
In my last communication to the War Department in
answer to certain questions proposed I stated that
I thought the greater part of the people could be
put in readiness as early as the month of September
if timely notice was given & ample preparations
previously made by the Gen. Govt — As no definite
instructions however have been given by Govt as
to the time of commencing the removal & the plans
of conducting it & no Agents have arrived among
the people to superintend it nothing has been done
in the way of preparation — In answer to the

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queries you submit I would state that I think
from 2000 to 5000 of the people may be removed
the ensuing fall - that the most eligible points of
rendezvous in the several districts are I. Standley's
in the N. West District, the Agency in the N. E. District
& the Chief Nectakaechi's in the Southern District all
to concentrate at Standley's as the starting point -
that the route should then take its course to Point
Chico on the Miss. River distant about 50 miles
west from Standleys & the one mostly travelled by
those who migrated last year & that after crossing
the River those who might wish to locate on the Red
River should continue their route through Washita
to Kiamichi & those destined for the Arkansas River
take the direction of Little Rock & thence onwards -
I should not think it desirable for any part
of the people to cross as low down as Vicksburg chiefly
on account of their exposure to dissipation, nor so
high up as Helena on account of the increased
expense of roads to which would be little needed - with
respect to the transportation of the sick & I suppose
that waggons as they are to be employed would
be sufficiently comfortable - Substitutes may readily
be procured in this country to answer the purpose of

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the Outfit if Agents shall be appointed with
means & instructions to purchase them - A large number
of people may be collected at any time from some months
to come by giving them 20 or 30 days notice - The
Emigrants last year when not incommoded with
stock usually travelled from Standlys to the Rice
River in 5 to 8 days I made the whole route to Manitoba
in 20 or 30 days - The road from Standlys to Point Chicot
passes through a Swampy country & can only be used
in time of low water usually from the 1st July to the 1st Jan.
In time of high water it is principaly inundated - There
is now a good trail which would require opening
to admit the passage of waggons at considerable Expence
The bottom is generally good but it would be necessary
to construct Log ways over some wet places & bridges
over some small bayous - It would also be necessary
to build ferry flats for crossing the Yazoo & Sunflower
Rivers & perhaps one or two other small streams which
intersect the route - The distance is about 50 miles -
With regard to the means of accomplishing this work
I can offer no other suggestion than that the troops
stationed near it be charged with the undertaking -
I think the service of provisions here will be about

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2.° per p.° for beef & 50.° .75° p bushel for Corn —
For the route to Red River I do not think that
any other Depots of provisions will be necessary
except at Standley's, point Chico, Washita &
Kiamichia — With the route to the Arkansas &
Red not be guaranteed after it leaves point Chico but
~~and Depots of provisions at~~ at Little Rock & another at
the termination of the Route on the Arkansas in
the Choctaw Country would be sufficient — I
have written to Capt. Clark requesting him to visit
this part of the Country that he may be able to
judge for himself what plans would be most
expedient so far as his Agency in the removal
is expected to be exerted — D

I am now with great respect
Your Obt Servt
Greenwood LeFlore
Chief of Choctaw
Nation

Emig.: Choctaws
Removing
Letter
Greenwood LeFlore
Miss. dated, Choctaw Country
Sept 13. 1831.
Reports upon the disposition
of this removal &c. &c. in reply
to letter from Supt. dated
date 23 June 1831

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Mushulatubbee, Nittacachee & Hoffpiancha Lahalbee

1 say they are ready to remove and request that the Govt. will comply with the conditions of the treaty —

2 they were promised persons to take care of their old men women, and that as the present agent will not accompany them they wish Gl. Gaines to be appointed to conduct them thither.

3 they want their guns at the place of crossing the Missi & they wish

4 that as many as desire may take their cattle

5 that provision may be made for their journey

6 relates to making entries of land & the fact that many do not understand the treaty

7 that more than one half of the Indians will go over this fall if they can get there before cold weather

8 relates to medals &c

9 that Col. Leflore's district is to settle on the last of Nanitia Nattaeuches on the West and Mushulatubbees on the Arkansas River —

10 That more (a quarter part?) will go all the way by land if they can get off before the waters rise.

11 some of them will furnish their own provisions, in that case they expect an allowance ~~for~~ equivalent to what the cost would be to Govt.

12 all the Captains of the Southern district desire that Allingo Nittuckachee may be acknowledged Chief on both sides of the Missi, that the Officers of the U.S. may recognise him as such

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13 relates to their annuity

14 relates to goods to be sent from G. I. Gaines

15 they desire the blacksmiths that fall in the new country, as they will have much use for them as their farms & they cannot now live by hunting

16 relates to the completing the registry of the Ind. provided for in the Cultivation provision of the Treaty

17 they want treaty

To the Secy of War

Dated
Choctaw Nation June 16. 1831

Posted Choctaw Agency June 17th

Copies 2 Choctaw
Greenwood Leflore
Big Sand Chatim
Augt 30. 1831

Has rec'd a letter from Mr
Colquhoun. — Thinks the
route by Vicksburg best.
Recom's Vicksburg as the point
where all should assemble
whether they go by land or water

Vicksburg Oct.

Maj. J. L. Clark U.S. Army
Acting Com. Fr. Indians
Memphis

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Rec'd 23 Sept

Choctaw Agency
Aug. 30 1830

Maj. T. A. Hook
Actg. Com. Gen. Ind.

Sir,

I have just been favored with a communication from W. S. Colquhoun Esq. Special Agent for the Choctaws dated at Vicksburg requesting information on the points submitted in yours of 23 June — In reply to your letter I canvassed the Enquiry with respect to the best route of migration by recommending that from Standley in the Yazoo bally to point Chicot on the Miss. — I have since a recount of the peculiarity of the season which has been unusually rainy been induced to change my Opinion & now think that the route by Vicksburg preferable — The Yazoo Swamp is to wet as to render a passage through it almost impracticable & will probably remain so during the season — There will probably be a depot of provisions established at Vicksburg & as there are good roads from all parts of the Choctaws Country to that place & from thence to the Country West while the difference in distance will be trifling I would recommend that point as the most suitable for the collection of all, as well those who are to go by land, as by water — Of those who are to go by water, the party destined for the Red River Country may be conveyed to the town of Washington on the Washita River from whence to the C. Country a distance of 100 miles there is a very good road, while the party who will destine on the Arkansa may be conveyed directly to the place of their destination — A sufficient number of Waggons for the removal of the aged infirm & from their homes to Vicksburg should be ordered in the Country now occupied by the Choctaws — I expect to see Mr. Colquhoun in the course of a few days, at the Agency & will communicate with him personally on the subject of the removal &c — I remain Sir Your Obt Servt

Greenwood LeFlore. Chief & Head Dist. Choctaws

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Chas. J. Choctaw

D. McClellan

Sub agt. Choctaw

Choctaw Co.

Washbeta Augt. 1831

In relation to the best mode

governing the Indians

Chas. J. Gibson,

Choctaw Agency

Washington

Miss.

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Rec'd 2d Augt.

Washington City. Augt 2. 1831

Sir,

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Agreeably to your request on the 18th instant, wishing my opinion of the Choctaws from the East of the Mississippi to their lands West & from the knowledge I have of both tracts of Country I dont hesitate in saying that it will be the most advantageous way to move them by water and for that purpose they should be collected at Memphis & Vicksburgh on the Mississippi river and from thence transported to Fort Smith on the Arkansas, & from thence to any part of their lands on Red river. They can't be transported in wagons. From the knowledge I have of the Mississippi Swamps, I am of the opinion that it would be impossible to transport them through those Swamps in wagons. Should the Government allow those people a Specific Sum per head, I am induced to believe that one half of them would make their way to their new homes without any further assistance from Government. I am sorry that it is not in my power to give you the distances of the different

With Respect,
Your obdt. Servt.
D. McCallan.

Genl. Geo. Gibson,
Subsistence Department.

7. Febr - 1831 -
Emig Choctaw
Colo B. Reynolds
+
Geo: S. Gaines, Esq

Relative to the remova
l the Choctaws, and suppl
ying a plan, route &c. -
ced submitting an estimate
f the Expense -

Referred by the Sec of War t
Hd Qrs Feb 8 1831

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how had dealings to take advant
age of our [illegible] cities convenience as
that it is very important that
the contracts be made as early
as June. x If a deposite of twenty
thousand rations of good bacon
or salted pork, and sweet flour, was
immediately made at each of the
following places, viz. Helena
Little Rock & Washington, it would
afford an agreeable variety in
the food of the emigrants while
on their journey highly benefici
al to their healths. x

[redacted]

[redacted] your obed. servt.
Jerry. Reynolds
Geo. L. Gaines

The Hon Jno. H Eaton
Secty of War
Washington

Estimate of the expence of conveying Four thousand Choctaw from their old to their new homes by 1 agons.

10	Ox waggons @ $100		$10.000
200	pairs of best oxen yokes	@50.	10.000
500	tents	$4.	2.000
500	axes	125	625
	outfit		$22.625.00

3 months hire of 100 ox drivers @ $16 pr mo. each ... $4.500

3 months hire of 10 active assistants to agent at $50 per mo each ... 1.500

50.000 rations of Beef & corn to be issued to the emigrants while collecting for the journey at 1/2 cent ... 1.000

5.000 rations per day while performing the journey at 8 cents ... 24.000

100 Bushels of corn per day for 60 days to be fed to oxen & ponies ... 3 000

Ferriages &c. ... 1.000

Freight on plough irons Hoes &c to be packed up & shipped after water arises ... .875

Contingent expences on the road ... 3.500

$42.375.00

$65,000.00

The waggons oxen tents & axes would be worth to the Govt. for further & like use, or would bring by a sale to the emigrants at least nett expence ... 15.000

$ 50 000

Waggons will be sufficient to carry the provisions for the journey

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Little Rock A T.
1st Feby 1831

Sir.

We have concluded that you would expect something from us on the subject of the best route in our opinions for the removal of the Chaktaw & Cherokee Indians as well as the modes by which they could be removed agreeably to their treaties at the least expence to the Government: and it was our intention to have given you our opinions at large on this subject in our promised general report after our return home: but believing that you will soon adopt and act upon some plan for the removal of the Chactaws, we have thought it best to address you our opinions at once although we have hardly time now to make ourselves well understood.

× The Chaktaws we believe will generally settle on Red River and its waters; and were the obstructions to Steam Boat navigation in that River removed, it would probably be the cheapest mode of removal to carry them in Steam Boats, from Vicksburg down the Mississippi & up Red River to the mouths of Kiamechia Bogy & Lèau Bleu: but there is no certainty and not much probability that the great Raft obstruction will be

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removed in time. — From the lower end of the raft to the mouth of Kiamechica or old Fort Towson is a distance by land of about two Hundred miles, and if we add to this the average destance from the present residences of the Indians to Vicksburg on the Mississippi (or to a shipping point on the Yazoo) it will be seen that waggons alone, or waggons & Barges will necessarily have to be used in aid of their removal more than half the distance from their old to their new homes. we are therefore led to the conclusion that waggons throughout will be decidedly the cheapest conveyance, & most acceptable & profitable to the emigrants

—— Removed by the aid of waggons they would arrive at their new homes in the month of November in time to build their cabbins and prepare the ground for crops the insuing year, and be enabled to support themselves, after the esperation of the year the government is bound to support them. But if Steam Boats should be

relied upon as the principle means of conveyance, the removals must take place in the latter part of the winters or the spring season. too late to enable the emigrants to prepare their grounds for the ensuing craping season, and instead of providing for the second year of their settlement they will spend the first year idly, and will not only want for provisions the second but will year have contracted habits prejudicial to their future improvement x

From the annexed Statement of the supposed expence of removing five thousand souls by the aid of waggons throughout the whole journey from the old Chactaw nation to old Fort Towson, it will be seen that the expence will not much, if any, exceed ten dollars each. We may have erred in this estimate; but beg leave to refer you to it with a confidence that it will at least afford you some aid in estimating the expence of removal by the mode we have recommended.

x Upon the subject of the best route we have not all the information we could desire; but from what we have, are conside that it is best to cross the Mississippi at St. Helena, from which place it

is now a road en use passing thro
place, Washington to old Fort Towson
A road would hence to be opened
from some convenient point on the
Robertson Road (which passes by the presen
Chatlaw agency) to S.t Helena, a
distance of about one hundred
& fifty miles.

We estimate the average
distance from their residences to
be travelled by the Chattaws
to the Robertson road at miles 70.

Thence to S.t Helena	A.t	130.
Thence to Little Rock	A.t	100
Thence to Washington	A.t	130
and thence to old Fort Towson		100
		530

We would respectfully
~~recommend that~~ arrangements be
immediately ordered for the removal
of at least five thousand on the
above described rout, so as the
outfit may be all in readiness
before the 1.st of September next
by which day the emigrants shou
~~Commence~~ their journey. Contracts
should be entered into, as early
as June, with persons residing on
the rout, for the delivery of two
hundred Bushels of corn for ever
ten miles of road or so much as
may be required for the emigrant
also for Accl Ferriages &c —— The
disposition manifested by person
in this Territory with whom we

Fancy 3 Choctaw

Lt. G. I. Rains

Fort Smith June 5th 1831.

Has rec'd letter relative to sending
100 bbls P'k from Cant. Gibson
to Ft. Smith. The buildings he
is repairing will hold when finished
about 4500 bushels of Corn.

Wants money to complete
the repairs.

Rec.d 23 July

Fort Smith
June 6th 1801

Sir

I have the honor herewith to forward Returns and Vouchers for the months of April and May.

It may not be improper here to mention my having received your communication relative to forwarding a hundred barrells of pork from Capt. Gibson to this place - I have transmitted it to Lieut Carter who is now rect. Com.y at Capt. Gibsons, requesting him to attend to it. I am now expecting it hourly.

The buildings I am repairing here, for three companies will hold when finished about 4500 bushells of corn, & wheat and salt in proportion. As I presume Capt. Clark has informed you of the dilapidated condition, in which we found the Barracks at this place, comment on my part will be unnecessary, but I will add, that unless I am authorized to purchase plank for flooring &c. &c. I have the mortification I shall be obliged soon to stop work for the want of material.

I have not heard from Capt. Clark since he left this place and know not where he is, otherwise I would apply to him.

Several of the stone rooms are finished except flooring & doors

I am Sir
with great respect
Your Mo. Ob.t Servant. G. J. Rains. Lt
Com.d Det 7th Inft.

To
Genl. Geo. Gibson
C. G. Subs
Washington. D.C.

Emig 11 Choctaws

Lt. G. I. Rains

Fort Smith July 1st 1831.

Is at a loss how to render
his accounts. Begs instructions
&c &c

Rec.d 12 augt

Fort Smith

July 6th. 1831.

Sir

I have the honor herewith to forward a Monthly Return for Dmc and an account current for the 2nd Quarter 1831.

I am perfectly at a loss sir, how to render my accounts situated as I am repairing buildings &c &c the duties must necessarily belong to the Quartermasters Dept. but from the order given Capt Clark [under whose orders I am acting] I suppose all duties and contingent expenses belong to your Department - though from the primary intention of having the barracks repaired for Store houses for the Ordnance it might naturally be presumed that all expenses &c should be incurred by the Indian Dept. In one instance in my account, as you will perceive, I have charged to your Dept. but there are some debts I have not paid - such as hauling materials for the repairs &c - Please to set me right as soon as possible.

I have not heard from Capt Clark since he left this place and at Col Arbuckle's order I shall send back to Capt. Gibson the command I have here except a Corporal and four men, who will be sufficient to finish the Stone house when I am authorized to purchase plank

for flooring.

You will perceive from the date when I received your letter concerning a mistake of 10 Gallons of Vinegar when at Commissary at Capt. Gibson, that it cause to take to rectify the error, but from the continued freezing and thawing of the Vinegar more than that quantity must have been lost the loss of which had been reported by you during the winter.

I am Sir

very respectfully

Your. Obt. Servant

G. J. Rains

Lt a. a. c. Subs

7th Jan

To.

Lieu Gen. Gibson

Com. Gen'l Subs

Washington

D. C.

Enc'g 5 Choctaw

Lt. J. V. R. Ryan

Little Rock Augt 16th 1831.

Report his arrival.

Capt Clark being unwell has temporarily turned over to him his public funds &c.

Rec'd Lib.

Little Rock (A. T.) August 18th 1831.

General George Gibson
Comdy. Genl. U. S. Army

Sir

I have the honor to report to you that I arrived at this place on the 12th inst. and in Compliance with instructions received from your Office reposted in person to Captain J B Clark. Genl Supdt. in Removing and Subsisting Indians. Apt. C. has for some time past been quite unwell and is now labouring under a severe attack of fever he requests me to state to you that he shall for the time turn over to me such public funds that as he may have in his hands that I may attend to such disbursements as the nature of this service may require.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servant
[illegible]
Agt Ind Affrs & Provn Indians

Genl & Choctaw
Lt. S. V. R. Ryan
Little Rock Augt. 19. 1
knowledges the rect. of Ltr
Capt. Clark, who is labo
der on attack of bilious fe

Sept 17th.

Little Rock (A.T.) August 19th 1831.

Genl. G. Gibson
Comdy. Genl. of Subst.

Sir

In compliance with [redacted] Clarke. he by my hand the receipt of your communications of the 21st, 23d and 25th of July with their respective Enclosures. and agreable to your direction furnishes you with the dates of all letters received from your office since his arrival in this Territory they are as follows.

31st March 1831, 5th 8th 16th, 20th and 27th of April 1831.
4th, 11th, 24th and 28th of June 1831. 9th & 19th of July 1831,

The date with this mark was no doubt intended for the 21st of June, as a letter bearing that date [redacted] has been received and the above was post marked on the 22d of June.

Capt Clark requested me to state that he labouring under an attack of Bilious fever has rendered it necessary that he should employ this method of answering your communications.

Very respectfully
I have the honour to be
Your Obdt Servt
[illegible]
Sec'y

Comy 7 Choctaw
Lt. G. J. Rains
Fort Smith Augt 4. 1834

Capt Clark does not feel
authorized to furnish means
to furnish repairs at Ft. Smith

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Rec'd. 17 dito

Capt. Smith

August 4th. 1831.

Sir

I have the honor herewith to forward a Monthly Return and abstract of issues to the Troops retained at this place for completing repairs of the Barracks for Indian Storehouses

I have at length received a letter from Capt. Clark at Little Rock. A. T. which conveys the information of his ignorance, as regards the intention of Government, with respect to this place.

I have been looking anxiously for some time for permission to purchase the proper materials for repairing this place. but as yet in vain.

Capt Clark with his orders to repair the barracks said for Choctaw & Chickasaw Storehouses, did not & it appears does not consider himself authorized to purchase plank, without which the Storehouses cannot be completed.

Pardon me Sir when I add — had I received such orders I should have considered them as embracing all contingent expenses and acted accordingly — The Storehouses would have been finished. But as Capt. Clark delegated the order to me, I cannot imagine that I am privileged to exceed the bounds prescribed to himself — moreover such an idea may be the result of an erroneous judgement, founded

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upon unacquainted in such matters generally.

I have made out, but with difficulty to procure vessels enough to stow about 1500 bushels of corn, salt & pork in proportion, and I am afraid even that the time has passed when plunk could have been purchased, but when I obtain permission I will endeavour to purchase.

I am Sir
with great respect
Your Obt. Servant
G. J. Paul
Lt. Comg. Detachment
A. A. Comy

To
Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comr. Genl. Subs.
Washington City
D. C.

P. S. I have issued more salt & vinegar to the Troops than I am accountable for - but there were an overplus resulting from daily issues -

Lt. S. D. [illegible]

Little Rock Aug 4 1841

Sends contract for supplying
prov. to ind's. All the horses
and oxen are purchased,
and the teamsters employed.
— Board the teamsters.
The oxen feed on the prairie
Recommends an army surg.

[illegible]
L.A

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Rec'd 21 Sept

Little Rock (A. T.) 31st August 1831.

General George Gibson
Comdg. Genl. of Subsistence
Sir.

Herewith I have the honour to enclose to you a Contract entered into on the 25th inst. by which, such Indians as may, prior this place before the 1st of March 1832 are to be provisioned as well as the teamsters and teams employed on that duty. with the Contract are all of the original bids together with one of each of the papers published at this place and through which the proposals for these provisions, were advertised.

Capt Clarke requests me to say that he is recovering, but is not as yet able to write. he has not, since his sickness commenced, left his room (now 17 days) he is now able to sit up for a few minutes at a time. all the horses and oxen required are purchased, also the number of teamsters wanted

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are employed. I returned the day before
yesterday from a Mr. Evans in the Big
Prairie (47 miles from here), with him I made
an arrangment to board the Ox-drivers, the
oxen can do very well in the Prairie, the
grass is at yet very good the season having
been very wet and cool.

The horses generally speaking
are tolerably good. I think that if we could
have an Artillery travelling forge and
on it would be of great assistance. there
are many parts of this Territory where the
teams will be obliged to go as much as fifty
miles without finding a Blacksmith and
then probably one who would be quite igno-
rant of his business. twenty of the waggons
purchased are large and the small bolts
of them will be apt to break. the horses
will often lose their shoes also a light forge
would be best in this country because the
of the roads not being very good.

very respectfully
I have the honour to be
your obdt. Servant

agent & acting Quartr. Mastr. in Provisions

Lt. J. T. R Ryan
Little Rock Sept. 2. 1831
Encloses letters.

[R 9]

Little Rock (A. T.) 2d. Sept. 1831.

Rec'd. 29 Sept.

General George Gibson
Comdy. Genl. of Subsistence

Sir

Herewith I have the honour to enclose to you a letter to major H. Hook U. S. Army also a copy of a letter received yesterday from Col. Greenwood Leflor Chief of Choctaw nation.

very respectfully I have the honor to be your obdt. Servant—

[illegible]
[illegible]
agent U. S. [illegible]

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Rec'd 29 Sept
Copy of a letter from Col Leflore Chief of Choctaw nation to Capt J. B. Clark General Superintendent in Removing & Subsisting Indians.

Big Land Choctaw Country.
August 12th 1831.

Capt. J. B. Clark.

Dear Sir.

I have received a communication from Maj. J. H. Hook acting Com.y Gnl. of Sub. under date of 23d June, requesting me to open a correspondence with you on the topics contained in that communication which relate to the removal of the Choctaw People. He authorizes me among other things to apply to you for waggons if needed on this side the Miss. River to commence the removal. As no definite instructions have been given by the Gnl. Govt with respect to the plan of commencing the removal and no agents appointed to superintend it on this side the River I have thought it most advisable to request you to visit this Country and from your own inspection to direct such movements as you deem most expedient so far as your agency is expected to be exerted. I should be very happy to see you & to render you every service in my power. If you should deem it unnecessary to come or find it impracticable on account of your engagements with, I shall be very happy at all times to give you such information as you may request and to render you any aid which you may think proper to command. I remain very Resp.y &c.

(Signed) Greenwood Leflore
Chief of Choctaw nation

True Copy.
Wm Thos Hearty.

Jenny 10 Choctaw
Wharton Rector
Little Rock Aug 3. 1831.
Married and adopted appt
of special agt — Resigns
the Sub-Agency to the Supt

Gen. George Gibson
Washington City

My Dear

Rec'd 24th Sept.

Little Rock
23 Aug. 1831 Rec. 24 Sept.

Sir

I had the honor this day to recieve your letter of the 26th of July enclosing the appointment of Special agent of the War department to aid in the removal and subsistence of the emigrating Chactaws west of the Mipipippi. This appointment I accept and am with resign the office of Sub. Agent to the Quapaw Indians, and according to to your instruction I have this day reported myself to Capt Clark for duty.

with great respect
your obt Servt
Wm Rector

Genl George Gibson
Washington City

Copy of
Wharton Rector's
appointment as Agent
in the removal & Sales. of
the Chocktaws.
dated July 20th 1831.

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Department of War
Washington July 20th 1831.

Sir,

You are hereby appointed a special agent of this department, to aid in the removal & subsistence of the emigrating Choctaw indians west of the Mississippi.

If you accept this appointment, you will repair for duty to the Commissary General of Subsistence, and will be allowed for your services four dollars per diem from the date of your acceptance until this commission shall cease.

Signed R. B. Taney
acting Secy of War

To Wharton Rector Esq
Little Rock
A.T.

Envy U States Secretary
of the Treasury
Ft Smith Sept 6. 1821.

In relation to repairing Road
Commencing at Ross ferry
Arkansas River

Rec'd 22 Oct

Dear Smith

Sir

Sept. 6th. 1831.

I have the honor herewith to forward a Return and Abstract of Issues to the command at this place, for the month of August last.

Perhaps nothing has a more observation, may not inapplicable to your information concerning this place, as I have been informed by the Choctaw Indians, a few of whom have already settled in this neighbourhood, that about 1400 of their nation will locate themselves in this vicinity next winter.

Capt. McClellan Sub Agent for the Choctaws has returned to this place some time since, and has informed me of his intention to build a Ware-house to keep Indian stores in, at his place 18 miles from here, and now called Choctaw Agency; the land that is building (the old Commissary stand) situated upon the bank of the river, admirably well calculated for that purpose; which I could repair, with comparably little expense to Government, provided its location does not debar its being made use of for that intention, for the Choctaws.

Four Miles of the time since I have been told, as is the case at present, the Yalobusha River

has been navigable for Steam Boats to the bank
where this house stands, and not fifty yards further:
Moreover this building was formerly made use of, for
that purpose, and is upon the Indian land within
100 yards of the Barracks: I think it is in
better preservation that the Barracks - but unless
attended to, in one year more or less it will fall
from the giving away of the cellar.

I do

Gen.l Gen. Gratiot Dear Sir respectfully
Com.g Gen.l Subs Your Mo. Obt. Servt
Washington City G. J. Rains
D. C. Lt. a. a. c. Subs
U. S. A.

Emig N Choctaw

Lt. Sol. R. Ryan

L Rock Oct. 6. 1831.

Sends acct for 3 days

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Rec. 4 Nov.

Little Rock Ark. Ter. Oct. 6th 1831.

General George Gibson
Comty. General of Subsistence U. S. Army.

Sir

I here with enclose to you my accounts as agent in Removing and Subsisting Indians for the third Quarter of the present year together with my account current for the second quarter of the same and for the same services.

Very respectfully
I have the honour to be
your obdt. servant
[illegible] R. Ry and
Lt. 1st [illegible] Artly
& Agent in Rem[illegible] of Cher. Indians

114 Emig Choctaw

Lt. G. J. Rains

Fort Smith Oct 26 1831.

Farmers have raised Corn &
100,000 bushels may be had at
75 cts. Any quantity at 50 cts.
— In relation to roads the
Agts for an Appt. as Engr.

Dec. 5th 31

Fort Smith

October 26th 1831.

Sir

I have the honor herewith to forward a Return for September, and an account current for 3rd Quarter 1831.

For the last four weeks, I have been sick with the bilious fever, but am now convalescing — this, of course has delayed my accounts.

Every Farmer in the vicinity of this place has raised corn, under the expectation of finding a market for it, when the Indians come on: The past season was very propitious to cultivation in this region, so that they may rely upon the fact, that Bush. 100.000 can be obtained & delivered at this place at 75 cents per bushel - as many less quantities can be gotten in the neighborhood at 50 cents.

The citizens and Indians on Red River say if Government do not, they will open a road from Ft. Towson to this place. A road from this place to the Choctaw agency direct, can be made by 5 men, in a week, which would shorten the distance 18 miles to between 10 & 12, & be infinitely superior to the present road, which is rocky and hilly, it is much desired by parties concerned.

Finally Sir I have taken great trouble to repair the buildings here, and have been convinced from circumstances that no sooner shall the military leave this post

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upon this place, then it will be demolished: But Sir
while I remain here, if there is, or should be any office
or appointment in your power wherein I might be serviceable,
Please not let my want of application debar me from it.

I do
I am Sir
Genl Ge: Gibson
G. G. Subs.
Washington
D C.

very respectfully
Your Mo. Obt. Servant
G. J. Rains
Lt. a. a. c. Subs
U. S. A.

Comy 15th Choctaw
Genl Thomas
Fort Smith
Oct 5. 1831

Letter to
Genl Gibson
Comy Genl
Subs.

Sends a return and an
Abstract for Oct

Rec'd 19 Dec'r

Fort Smith

Nov'r 6th 1831.

Sir

Herewith I have the honor to transmit a Return and Abstract for October 1831.

I have been called upon repeatedly by the Sub-agent for the Choctaws to supply those Indians with provision, - I find it a difficulty for them to get good especially when the Sub-agent is absent on duty, and when having come over from Red river, is murmured.

We have quite certain intelligence that there will be a body of the Choctaws here next month, attending to settle - but as yet there has been no assignment to support them, except the 100 barrels of pork on hand.

Do

Brig Gen'l Geo. Gibson
Com'y Gen'l Subs
Washington
D. C.

I am Sir
very respectfully
Your. Obt. Serv't
G. J. Rains.
Lt. a. a. g. s.
U. S. A.

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Commissary Gen'l of Subs. LR 1831 S-W Choctaw

[redacted]

Capt. Gibson will require no [redacted] while engaged
27 Feb 1831 will continue to draw [redacted]
necessary on the Khat. Road

To

Brig. Genl. T. Gibson
Com. Genl. of Subs
Washington
D. C.

[redacted]

Rec'd 25th Apl.

Cantonment Gibson
25th February 1831.

Sir,

Your letter of Instructions in relation to Subsisting the Choctaw Indians has been received. – In Consequence of having to turn over the public property in my charge at this Post belonging to the Dr. Master & Subsistence Departments, I shall not be able to leave this post for Kiamatia before the 1st March.

Should no large a number Indians as is stated in the Public Prints be on their route to their new Country, the Two thousand Dollars placed to my Credit in the Bank, must be very soon expended, in that event I shall Continue to draw on the same, on your authority that further sums will be placed to my Credit. –

The last clause of your Instruction Contains me against expending any of this Money unless expressly for the Subsistence of the Indians. This leaves me in doubt as to whether the Compensation to those Indians whom I may employ, should be paid out of this Fund, believing that it should, I shall do so, unless otherwise directed. –

I presume it will become necessary to erect Cribs for the Security of any Corn I may purchase, also to inclose Lots for Beef Cattle – these expences may be necessary – should they not be paid out of this Fund? – On these points will you please inform me immediately. – To what Post Office letters should be directed to me I Cannot tell, as I understand that the Office at Miller's Court House

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Ark: Territory has been discontinued - that another has been established 30 - or 40 Miles lower down the Country - at what place I do not know - Should that not be the Case, - Washington Homestead Court House will be the nearest Post Office. -

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Jas. H. Stephenson
A. A. Surg.

Brigr. Genl. Genpr. Gibson
Commissy. Genl. of Subs.
Washington
D. C.

Rec.d 16. May Fiumetta, Choctaw Nation
1.st April 1831

Sir

Herewith enclosed you will receive my Return of Provisions issued to the Choctaw Indians in the month of March, also my Account current for the 1.st Quarter of this year —

On my arrival at this place, on the 7.th March, I found eight.y eight Choctaw emigrants, principally women & children, who were nearly in a starving condition; in consequence of this fact, the small number to be supplied, & the probability what few more will emigrate this Spring, will arrive in small parties, together with giving myself an opportunity to locate myself and become better acquainted with the feelings of the neighbouring whites in relation to furnishing supplies, I at once entered into a private Contract with Mr. Carter to furnish the Indians with Beef, until the 1.st July, at three cents pr lb as cheap, as good Beef can be furnished at this season of the year, the Contract & Bond I also enclose — I have been informed by some missionaries who are established among the Choctaws, that as many as five or six thousand will emigrate during the ensuing summer, but as they arrive in small detached parties, at different times, it is impossible for me to make any correct calculation what quantity of provision will supply

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them, the extent of country over which they will be scattered will in time make it necessary to establish at least three places of issue, otherwise some of them would have to travel fifty & sixty miles to obtain their Rations, I therefore request you will give me your opinion as to the best mode of giving out contracts for their supply, until I hear from you on this subject I shall pursue that course which my judgement points out as the cheapest and best calculated to accomodate the Indians — As the Indians have expressed a wish to have part of their meat Ration in Pork, I shall comply with their wishes provided it can be furnished as cheap as Beef — a short time previous to my arrival here, an agent from the Choctaw Chief in the old nation, had visited the neighbouring settlements and engaged 1000 Bushels of corn, at one dollar per Bushel, this not only established the price of corn, but included nearly all the corn within reach of this place, that I could purchase with a probability of having it transported; as all the Keel Boats on the River at the raft, were either loading or already gone down the River with produce — This corn being expressly purchased to supply the immediate wants of the Indians as they arrived, I had it transferred to me, with the consent of the agent, by paying the same price - I have now one heavy flat load of this corn on the River, when delivered the transportation will be 37½ cts per Bushel; what corn has been issued was packed on Horses by the Indians — Should it become necessary to purchase more corn during the summer, than what

I am engaged. I think I can have it delivered for $1. p. Bushel

As Red River cannot be navigated by Boats at all seasons of the year, there must of necessity be large quantities of Corn on hand at one time, and if I could get an adequate number of Carts to secure it, I do therefore believe it will be the best plan to build Carts immediately on the bank of the River, and employ some twenty Indians to settle themselves by them for their security — I have engaged one waggon load of salt, about 30 Bushels, at $1.50 p. Bushel, this is as low as I possibly could obtain it at this season of the year, on account of the high transportation by land; it is now selling for one dollar p. Bushel or 50 lbs at the different Salt licks, and the distance from this to the nearest one is upwards of fifty miles — But part of the Articles I have engaged has been delivered, none has therefore been paid for, this will account for there being no expenditures in my Account Current — The two thousand dollars with which I have credited the Government, I have now in my possession having drawn on the Bank for that sum in favour of John Nicks, previous to my departure from Capt. Gibson — As yet I have not been able to get under cover, but am about building a cabin within two miles of the site of old Fat Towson, or 4 miles from Red River, I found all the old buildings occupied by Indians — On the following points I should like to be informed — Was it contemplated that I should furnish

Envoy to Liberia

Lt. C. H. Stockton.

Liberia Liberia Nation
(Since 1. 1847)

sends Commissioners to Pres.
for Mar. to vacate Compact with
Presbyterian Board.

Mar 6th 1000 bet. Cape Palmas
Sabb. — Mar 20th $2000

Dr Gr

no enclosures
Copy 24 1

Bur. Sec. of Sta
Com. Sec. of Nav
Washington City

D.C.

with Petition from Liberian authorities to Pres. — Re claim of Pres. Board 7 stations, 9 Ams. & 2 native preachers, & 800 communicants — Pres. Board has withdrawn its support, & the Mission is now under the care of the Liberian Govt. — 9 Americans to the Liberian Govt. for substituting the Liberian flag for that of the Pres. Board. This may be the entering wedge for ultimate action against the Mission, this claim is the pretext — Mr. Stockton is an American citizen — Mr. Ambassador — Mr. Secretary of State — Washington City — D.C.

Copy 3 Choctaw

Lt. J. R. Stephenson

Choctaw Nation May 2. 1831.

Sends return for April.

150 more indians will arrive

in a few days. — Should

one or two thousand come

during the Summer — Can

not be scarce. — Believes

few will emigrate during the

Summer —

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Rec.d 11 June

Choctaw Nation west of Mt. Ty.
May 2.nd 1831

Sir

Herewith enclosed you will receive my Return of Provisions for the month of April with its vouchers—

In addition to the number of Indians now here, there are about one hundred & fifty who will arrive in a few days, for this number I have sufficient corn engaged to supply them untill the new crop is gathered,— but should as many as one or two thousand arrive during the summer I am fearful I shall find considerable difficulty in furnishing them with corn, at any reasonable price,— from what I can learn from those who have recently arrived, I believe but few, if any will emigrate during the summer—

Your communication of the 23.d July has been received —

Jas. R. Stapleton
Lt. 7th Inf.

Brig. Genl. G. Gibson
Com. Genl. of Sub.
Washington City
D. C.

Lt. J. R. Stephenson
Choctaw Nation June 1. 1831.
sends prov. return for May
— An abundant supply may
be had for 8 or 10 Hundred dollars
for a Year Comp 1 Oct next.
Letter

Recd 6th July

Choctaw Nation West of Arkansas

2/12 1st June 1831

Herewith inclosed you will receive my Return of Provisions for May with its Vouchers—

Since my arrival here I have visited the neighbouring Counties, and have embraced every opportunity of conversing with individuals possessing the best knowledge of the probable resources of the country for furnishing the necessary supply for the Indians, and from what I can learn I have no hesitation in saying, that an abundant supply of corn can be furnished for eight or ten thousand Indians, for the next year, beginning 1st Oct. next— but I am doubtful whether the meat ration, for that No can be furnished from this vicinity, but by letting out contracts of such an amount as would warrant a competition by persons at a distance, I have but little doubt but that ration would be furnished equally as cheap as it is at this time, I am induced to believe this, having been informed from one or two sources that Beef (on foot) can be delivered here from the State of Missouri, for $2. pr hundred pounds Salt can be procured in any quantity near at hand—

Should this Territory or the neighbouring states be un-

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-able to furnish the necessary supplies, I know of no other source from whence they could be procured, cheaper, than from the New Orleans Market, for those Indians who may locate themselves on Red River — Should any thing I have stated in this Report be incorrect, you shall be immediately informed of it —

Is the Soldier whom I have employed as an Assistant entitled to any extra compensation, & if so, am I to pay him — I ask the question because he has but three months to serve —

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Jas H. Stephenson
A. Asst Genl

Brig. Genl. S. Gibson
Com. Genl. of Subs
Washington D.C.

Copies of Choctaws

Lt. J. R. Stephenson

Choctaw Nation 20 June 1831

Has made a contract with
Mr Shelton for 200,000 lbs
Beef? &c.

Rec'd 12 Oct

Choctaw Nation near Ft. Towson
20th June 1831

Sir

Your letter of the 25th April, and the Blank Forms that accompanied it have been received.

Previous to the receipt of this letter, I had entered into a Contract with Mr Shelton for the delivery of three Hundred thousand pounds of Beef. The Contract, Bond and original bids you will herewith receive.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Jas. H. Stephenson
A. Q. M. Gen'l

Brig. Genl. G. Gibson
Com. Genl. of Subs
Washington D.C.

Lieut. J. R. Stephenson

Cherokee Nation 2d Jan 1831.

Lands Returned for Taxes

Accompanied 2d Jan 1831.

Rec.d 20 Aug.st

Choctaw Nation, West of Mississippi
2.nd July 1831

Sir-

Herewith enclosed you will receive my Return of Provisions for June, also my Account Current for the 2.nd Quarter of 1831, with their Vouchers—

Previous to this, I have entered in my Return of Provisions, issues made for the month (complete) preceeding the one for which the Return was made. This you will find to be the case, by a reference to my Returns already rendered— This attention is made in order that my Return of Provisions may agree with my Abstract of Purchases—

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Jas. R. Stephenson
Lt. 4th Inf.

Brig. Genl. G. Gibson
Com. Genl. of Subt.
Washington D.C.

A. H[illegible]ver, Delegate
to Cong[illegible] Arkansas

Little Rock. Augt 31. 1831.

Writes relative to Wharton
Rector. Trusts that he will
be instructed as an Indian
Agent. &c &c

Rec[d] 16th August 21.st 1821.

Dear Lord

I have just got through another
severe political contest successfully - it is
much expensive & my attendance during this hurry
of I had no time to attend to other
matters - I hope you have not for[got]ten
recommend Mr Coles. You recollect it was understood
that he was to have a berth in removing the
indians - which he has had no notice of yet.
I have alluded your interest to Lewis &
his subject to other pressing subjects. I hope
we will not overlook him but find it
convenient very soon to give him assistance
some testimonial of his attention in your
service - I shall be in Cha[rlottesville] about the
end of November. Yours affectionately

Brig. Genl. R. Gibson

Com. Genl. of

Washington City

Rec.d 24 Sept.

Camp Phoenix 10th August 1836

Sir

Your communication of the 19th July. Has been received — About three weeks since I was at Little Rock, where I saw Capt. J. D. Clark, to whom I communicated what you have directed in this letter —

Since I have had under the duties I am at present performing, I have constantly and necessarily kept two Horses, for the use of myself and the Soldier who was detailed as my assistant — In order to cover the expenses of keeping these Horses, I have kept an account of the distances I have been under the necessity of travelling in the performance of my duties, with the intention of charging the Quarter Master's Dep.t with the usual transportation; which would cover the expenses of keeping two Horses, but since the receipt of your letter authorizing me to charge for the hire or forage of horses or to purchase if necessary; I am somewhat doubtful whether I am correct to persue in order to satisfy myself for my own Horses — Would the account for transportation be a proper charge in my account of contingencies —

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Jos. R. Stapleton
Lt. 4th U. S. Infy

Brig. Genl. T. Gibson
Com.y Genl. of Subt.
Washington D.C.

Lt. J. R. Stephenson

Cant. Towson Oct 2. 1831.

Sends Copies of five Contracts for Corn — Has made Contracts for 250,000 lbs Beef and ~~for~~ 700 bush Corn — These Contracts are made according to an understanding with Capt. Clark —

Rec.d 21 Nov.

Sir — Capt. Bowen West Pt Ark. Ty.
3d October 1831 —

Enclosed herewith you will receive my Return of Provisions, with an Abstract of Issues to Indians, for the 3.d Quarter 1831, Also my Account Current with Abstracts for the same Quarter; I also enclose copies of five Contracts for furnishing Corn for the Choctaw Indians — I have also entered into Contracts for furnishing two hundred & fifty thousand pounds of Beef and Six hundred Bushels of Salt. the Beef at $3.90 cts per hundred pounds, Salt at $3. per Bushel; the Bonds have not yet been completed, as soon as they are I will forward copies of the Contracts; The Abstract of Bids I also enclose — On the 31.st of July I advertised for furnishing the above supplies, agreeable to an understanding between Capt. Clark and myself — The iron and locks charged in the account of Jos.h R. Bathelet were for the assembly of Ten Corn Cribs now building on the bank of Red River a near the mouth of Kiametia — the iron being made into hinges, Hasps & Staples — These Cribs are to contain one thousand Bushels Corn each, and when completed are to be paid for at the rate of $30. each, the United States furnishing the necessary nails, Hasps & Staples — This number was thought necessary both by Capt. Clark and myself —

A part of the Corn on the Contract for one thousand Bushels

has been delivered, but I have thought it unnecessary to take it up on my Return until the whole is delivered - I have permitted the contractor to delay the delivery for the present being fearful that the corn is not dry enough to crib -

In relation to the high rates at which the contract was let out, I have to say, that I used every exertion in my power to create as much competition as possible between the bidders, and that due notice was given, proposals being advertised on the 31st July and the bids opened on the 10th Sept. - On the subject, I enclose a copy of a letter written to Capt. Clark

Your letters of the 20th May, 19th July and 15th August have been received - Since my last Return there has arrived two small Companies of Emigrants in all 39 persons making the whole Number at present, four hundred & twenty seven -

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Jas. H. Stephenson
Lt. U. S. Army

Brig. Genl. S. Gibson
Com. Genl of Subs
Washington City
D. C.

Proposals for furnishing
fresh beef to Lieut. I.R.
Stephenson for the Choctaw
Indians.

May 1831.

3 enclosures

Choctaw Nation.

Chay 27th 1831

Lt S. R. Stephenson

Sir I will take the Contract for furnishing two hundred thousand pounds of Creek Beef at two dollars & seventy five Cents pr hundred

In case I get the contract the necessary security will be given.

I am sir your obedient servant

Elija Carter

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Port Prairie Lafayette Cty A.T.

May 28th 1831

Lt. Jno R. Stephenson

Sir

Propose furnishing two hundred thousand pounds of Beef or more if required, of the quality, and at the place and manner designated in your advertisement for which is put up at Capt Bridges store in Washington Hempstead County at Two dollars and Seventy cents per Hundred pounds delivered at the time of getting the contract, I will enter into such bond with approved security, as may be required for its faithful performance. My residence is stated above.

Respectfully

Jno. Ross

Saml Bayard

Homestead County Ark. Ty.
31st May 1891.

Sir-

I will furnish Beef at two dollars and fifty cents per hundred, and in accordance with the Cate advertisement to furnish the Choctaw Contract, and will comply with all the stipulations in said Contract.

Yours Respectfully

Jesse Shelton

Lt. James R. Stephenson
U S. Army
Choctaw Nation
West of Ark. Ty.

May 31- 1831

Sir-

I will furnish Beef agreeably to your advertisement of 11th May 1831- for one hundred pounds—

H. K. Brown

Lt. J. R. Stephenson
U. S. Army

Lieut. S. R. Stephenson's

Abstract of Bids

for furnishing

Corn, Beef & Salt

for issue to Indians in the

Neo Chodaw Country

10th Sept. 1831

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Abstract of Bids for Beef, Corn and Salt, made on the tenth day of September 1831

Corn

No.	Names of Bidders	1000 Bushels	2000 Bushels	3000 Bushels	3500 Bushels	3500 Bushels	Remarks
1	James Bond	$1.45	"	"	"	"	
2	Charles Moore	$1.40	"	"	"	"	
3	John H. Fowler	$1.34*	$1.75*	$2.00	"	"	* Accepted
4	John H. Fowler	$1.87½	"	"	"	"	
5	Franklin Stewart	"	"	$1.80	"	$1.80	
6	E. S. Smith	"	"	"	$1.80	"	
7	A. Block	"	"	"	"	$1.78	
8	Peter T. Hickman	"	"	"	$1.76*	"	* accepted
9	James Clark	"	"	$1.76*	"	"	* Accepted
10	Jacob Buzzard	"	"	"	"	$1.75*	* Accepted

Beef

1	Jacob Buzzard	$4.50	
2	Levi Davis	$4.00	
3	Davidson Bradley	$4.06	
4	James Holeman	$4.13½	
5	Jesse Skelton	$4.00	
6	James Smith	$3.90	Accepted

Salt

1	James Clark	$3.94	
2	Peter T. Hickman	$3.00	accepted
3	W. P. Hickman	$3.00	

I certify that the above Abstract is correct

Jas. B. Stephenson

A. M. S. U. S. A.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Rec'd 21 Nov.

Cantonment Towson West of Ark. Ty

20th Sept. 1831

Sir—

Agreeable to my advertisement I opened the Bids for furnishing Beef, Corn and Salt for the Indians, on the 10th Instant, and have entered into Contracts as follows—

250 Thousand Pounds Beef at $3.90 per Hundred

10 Thousand Bushels Corn, in five Contracts, averaging $1.67½ cts pr Bushel

600 Bushels Salt at $2. per Bushel—

An Abstract of the bids I enclose, from which you will perceive that the bidders, had entered into a combination for the purpose of obtaining their own prices; of this fact I was under the impression at the time I opened the bids, and since then I have been convinced. It was my determination in the first place to reject every bid for Corn, but I was fearful that the bidders might become dissatisfied and dispose of their Corn to some speculators who were present from whom it could not be obtained but at a still higher price — But a few days previous, the P. Master at this Post, obtained a Contract for 1600 Bushels of Corn at 90 cts per Bushel, however in this case the contractor was furnished by Government with a Keel Boat, and the privilege allowed him of furnishing when the waters would rise, with the exception of 3 or 4 hundred Bushels to be delivered in October — Means of transportation could not be procured, & the privilege of selecting a favorable time for delivery could not be given in my Contracts

How individuals whose names are entered in the Abstract enclosed, are the only persons, who appear disposed to engage in supplying the Indians with provisions, and I have no doubt are influenced

with the belief that they can monopolize the whole business - I would therefore respectfully suggest, that proposals for such an amount of Beef as you think may create - competition by persons at a distance, be immediately advertised; this course I believe would reduce the price of Beef to the old standard — I would also suggest that you authorize some one directly or through me, to engage by private Contract a sufficiency of Corn for the Indians, until the next years Crop is gathered, to be delivered on the Bank of Red River where our [redacted] Keel Boats on the River belonging to the D. W^s Department that can be obtained as means of transportation; by procuring this corn, I think Corn can be obtained at the Bids, not to exceed $1.50 cts per Bushel — Should you think this course advisable it should be done immediately —

The Individual who obtained the salt Contract is the proprietor of one of the salt works on Red River — a few days previous to the Bids being opened, he induced the proprietor of another salt establishment to let his works lay idle, for a certain sum of money, and made an offer to the owner of the other salt works, to the same intent; but failed; but I think it very probable he may get succeed — his object is very evident, would it not be well to immediately enter into a private Contract with either of them, to furnish, in addition to what is already contracted for, what salt may be wanted for the next year; by that time other salt Works may be established —

During the months of Feby. March, April and part of May, it is not possible to furnish the Indians with good fat Beef; would it not be advisable to furnish, say one half the ration in Pork dur-

=ring three months) from what I can learn a sufficiency of Pork can be
obtained for that purpose, the arrangement would also be very accepta=
=ble to the Indians — (Should you determine upon it, private Contracts
say for fifty or sixty thousand pounds) had better be entered into; In this
way I believe it can be procured as cheap as Beef —)

Please inform me when it is probable the main body of the Indians
will arrive, in the Article of Agreement for supplying Beef, I am
bound to give 30 days notice previous to the first delivery —

After the next issue for the month of October, which will be
in a few days, there will still be remaining on Shelton's contract
about two hundred & twenty thousand pounds of Beef —

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Jas. H. Stephenson
A. U.S. Army

Capt. J. B. Clark
Little Rock
Ark. Ty.

~~Jas Barbour~~

~~Washington City~~ 1831

A N. Sevier

Dec 12. 1831

Enclosing a letter from
Mr Reuton on the subject
of increasing his Compensation

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Rec'd Dec 12th

Mr Lovell respects to Genl Gibson. he takes the liberty of enclosing for his perusal a letter he rec'd this morning from Col Hunter - after the Genl has read it, he will be good enough to return it to the P. Office 11th 1821.

Pl cant you allow Col H. transportation when travelling? or cant his expences be paid by you as an Ind. expences of the appraisal of Geo. Gracies - + lastly cant not the present law for his use when in Service

Yes Plow refund to the above—

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Copy

Vicksburg 17 November 1831

Dr Sevier

I am still waiting at this place for the
arival of the Choctaws. About 600 are encamped here now
expected of 3000 will be here tomorrow and about 800
in 4 or 5 days, they will nearly all go by Steam Boats
to the post of Arkansas, from thence to Red River by
land, Col Gaines is here and has chartered a Boat
for the purpose of conveying them to the Post. we shall
all be off in 8 days

If or I come to the point, you must see
Genl Gibson and tell him that four dollars pr day
will not much more than pay my expences, when I
am kept traveling as I have been since my appointment.
I am not even allowed a horse. If I am I have not been
apprised of it yet, Gaines furnishes his assistants
with horses and pay their expences.

Your Friend
Wm Wm Hector

Enoch [illegible]

[illegible] Street

Washington

Dec 16 1831

Enclosing letter from Byrd
& Belding.

[illegible]

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Dec 17th

Washington Dec 16th 1831

Dear Genl

I must apologize for omitting to inclose you the enclosed letter sooner. It is I believe from Col Byrd and the Baldwins the contractors to supply the emigrating Indians. It was mislaid and I did not see it before it was sealed and if I correctly recollect the substance, it is on their part a proposition to supply the emigrating Indians with corn in future - All I can say on this subject is that a contract of that description could not be entrusted to more faithful agents - They have the means and their character to supply any quantity desired and are both men of energy and business habits - If you should desire any further information of me about this matter I would with pleasure afford it -

Very respectfully your ob
Servt. A. H. Sevier -

Encg 1 Choctaw
Capt. 2 Lt. Taylor

Louisville March 3. 1831

If he should be ordered on the
Choctaw duty, wishes to take on
his employ Mr. Hill Engineer

Samuel Geo Gibson
C. S. A

March 15th

Louisville 3d March 1834

General,

I have the honor to inclose you herewith Monthly Returnes for Jany & Feby — My January Return was made out in due time, and was under the impression I had forwarded it some days since but did not — Mr Thomson, Contractor for Jefferson Barracks, is here for the purpose of making me the delivery of the Army Stores mentioned in your Communication of the 14th Jany last — Flour is now selling from $4 25 to 37½ cts and holders are asking $4.50 —

I have not as yet received Copies of the new Contracts and should like to be furnished with them —

[redacted] Indian business [redacted]

I find the Senate as approved the Choctaw Treaty, and should I be ordered on that duty I must ask permission of you to take in my employ a Mr Mill Douglas of this place — Mr Douglas is personally known to the President and I have no doubt he would be pleased to give him employment —

With great respect
Your Ob Servt
A P Taylor
Capt 1 Army Ord

General Geo Gibson
Comy Genl of Subs

Capt. J. L. Taylor

Louisville Ky. Apl 9. 1831.

– In relation to the procuring
of the wagons –

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Rec'd 7th
21 April

Louisville 9th Apl 1831.

General,

Yours of the 28th ult. was received on yesterday, and I have since been on the look out for waggons and I shall be compelled to have most of them made - I regret you did not inform me as to the probable time that the waggons should be at the mouth of White river or the old post of Arkansaw - I shall in a day or two go to Cincinnati in order, if possible, to make some purchases there, and it may be possible that I shall have time to make two trips to that place - I would suggest that I may be authorized to send an agent with the waggons to the mouth of White River or the old post of Arkansaw, as I can learn the name of no responsible individual residing at either place - It may be possible that my duties in this section of Country at the time of the shipment of the waggons, may not prevent me from accompanying them should you deem it proper for me to do so - From the enquiry that I have been able to make I think it will require from five to eight hundred dollars over and above the twenty five hundred you have ordered to be remitted me - I shall have the waggons harnessed for six horses

I beg you, General, to rest assured that I shall use every exertion in my power to expedite the delivery of the waggons -

Very Truly Your Obt Servt
J. E. Taylor
Capt & Dy Qr Mr

Genl Geo Gibson
C.G.S

Copy 3 Chickasaw

Captain J. P. Taylor,

Cincinnati April 19th 1831.

Has been to Frankfort for

wagons, cannot get six wagons

already made.. will have three

others made —

General Geo Gibson

C G S

Washington City

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Cincinnati, Ohio, 19th apl 1831

General,

I have just returned to this place from Franklin in this state where I was induced to go in search of waggons and I regret to inform you that I have not been able to get an ox waggon ready made in this section or in Kentucky - At Franklin there is an extensive establishment for making of waggons, and I was in hopes I should a have found some finished but was disappointed as the proprietor had some three or four weeks previous shipped a number to Louisiana - I shall be compelled to have the ox waggons made and shall not be enabled to ship them as early as I could have wished - I shall return to Louisville this evening & shall be compelled to return to this place again in a short time

Very Respectfully
Your Ob Serv
L F Taylor
Capt & Comy of Sub

Genl Geo Gibson
C.G.S

Capt. J. P. Taylor

Louisville Apl 26. 1831

Cannot get the additional num-
g at Louisville or
Princeton Write to
Gibson

General Geo Gibson

C G S

Washington City

Louisville, Ky. 26th Apl 1821

Genl,

Yours of the 15th inst was received last night, and in order to comply with your instructions to purchase twenty additional Ox-waggons, I shall be compelled to go to Pittsburg for that purpose. I shall forthwith leave this for that place. It is impossible to get the waggons in this section or in Cincinnati and its vicinity.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt
A. F. Taylor
Capt. & Com'y of Subs

Genl Jno Gibson
C. G. S.
Washington City

Copy for Brooks

Capt. J. P. Taylor

Louisville Ky. June 8. '31

Will get the wagons
off in six or eight days

17 June

Louisville 4th June 1831

General,

I enclose you my monthly return for the last month —

I think I shall get the wagons off in some six or eight days and they should reach the old Post of Arkansas early in July —

I have been extremly ill but am now getting about again —

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
L P Taylor
Capt & C of Ord

General Geo Gibson
Comy Genl of Subs

Enrs & Subsistence

Capt. D. P. Taylor

Louisville Ky July 2. 1831

Mileage for 1804 $\frac{08}{100}$ l. } 7 00

Pay for bal due on } 5

Salary & forage [illegible]

General Geo Gibson

C G S

Washington City

DIGITIZED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Recd. 12th July

Louisville, Kentucky,
2d July 1831

General.

I have this day drawn on you for Eight hundred four dollars and Eight cents to complete the purchase of forty wagons and their transportation to the mouth of White River – $197 $\frac{50}{100}$ completes the purchase of the wagons, and $506-$\frac{50}{100}$ for their transportation – I have had to pay the steam boats high in order to get them to take the wagons – I shall send you in a day or two my quarterly accounts for disbursements as Agent for the United States for the Removal and subsistence of Indians –

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Z. Taylor
Capt. 1st Regt of Inft.

[redacted]

General Geo Gibson
C G S
Washington City

Copy

J. P. Taylor

Louisville

3 July 1831

Encloses account
for subsisting &c
Indians

Refers to Letter
of 5 inst
Making the big

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Rec'd 13 July

Louisville Kentucky 9th July 1832

General,

I have the honor to inclose you herewith my account for the last quarter, on account of Expenditures as agent of the United States, for the Removal and subsistence of Indians

with great respect
Your Obdt
I F Taylor
Capt & Agt U S for
Rem.l & Sub. of Indians

General Geo Gibson
C. G. S
Washington City

Envi

Capt. T. P. Taylor

Louisville July 25th 1831.

Sends bills of purchases,

the Stores have been shipped

to Little Rock

Respectfully Yr. Obt. Servt.

Geo. Gibson

C. G. S.

REPRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Ans. 5th

Louisville 25th July 1831

General,

I send you inclosed, copies of bills of purchases made agreeably to your order of the 27th June 1831 —

The Stores left this on the 21st inst for Little Rock and will, I have no doubt, reach their destination early in in August —

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Z. Taylor
Capt 1 Regt of Infy

Genl Geo Gibson
Ac. G. S
Washington City

Comg 9 Cheraw

Capt. D. P. Taylor

Louisville July 25. 1831.

Returns, Order no. 10-

& Acct Curt. - Vouchers

Abstract &c. No. 25 -

Ln. Liberty

Co. A. 1

Bayl. Hip. Co. Ky

Augt. 3. 31

Louisville 25 July 1831

Emerald,

I return you voucher No 10 with my account Current for the diver disbursements for the last quarter. The voucher should have called for $66-25 instead of $65.25 - I have corrected the mistake & now inclose it you - If not improper, I will thank you to have the mistake corrected in my abstract of disbursements -

The provisions for the Indians I started for Little Rock, Arkansaw a day or two since - The copy of the bills will be forwarded you in a day or two -

with great respect
Your obt Servt
L.P. Taylor
Capt. Lt Dragoons

Emerald Geo Gibson
U.S.A
Washington City

Envoj 10 Chocktaw

Capt [redacted] P. Taylor

Louisville Augt 1, 1831

The provisions have been
purchased and forwarded

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Aug.t 10 5

Louisville
1st Aug.t 1831

General,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 22d July 1831 inclosing a copy of your letter addressed to me on the 27th June last— I have to apologise for not acknowledging the receipt of the letter in question as I was under the impression I had done so—

The provisions was purchased and forwarded some days since and a copy of the bills has been forwarded—

with great respect
Your obedt
L. F. Taylor
Capt 4th C. S

General Jno Gibson
Dc. S. S
Washington City

Camp at Cleveland

Capt. K. P. Taylor,

Louisville Aug. 17th 1831

Mr Douglass who went with Capt. Wagon, waits for some articles which will be sent to-morrow by Wm Ellis

A. G. O

Washington City

Rec'd 27 Augt

Louisville 17th Augt 1831

Genl,

I send you inclosed my monthly returns for July last.

Mr Douglass, who is out in charge of the wagons, waits me by direction of Captain Clark, for many little articles which will be necessary in removing Indians. I shall send them in a day or two to the mouth of White River as requested.

very respectfully
Your obed.t
I F Taylor
Asst Comy of Subs

Genl Geo Gibson
C Genl of Subs
Washington City

Encl'g 12 Vouchers

Capt. S. P. Taylor

Louisville Augt 26th 1831.

Encloses a bill of articles

shipped to Capt. Clark

Rec'd 5 Sept

Louisville 26th Augt 1830

General, I send you inclosed a bill of articles shipped a few days since to Captain I D Clark superintending the removal of the Chickasaw Indians —

very respectfully
your obdt servt
L P Taylor
Capt U S Army

Genl Geo Gibson
Commissary Genl of Subs
Washington City

Camp 13 Chickasaw

Capt. L. L. Taylor

Louisville Oct 3. 1831

(Acct for 3d quarter)

Journal En Liberam

to 5 Aug.

Washington City

Rec. 13 Oct

Louisville, Ky, 8th Oct 1831

General,

I have the honor to send you enclosed my Account current for disbursements made on account of "Removal and Subsistence of Indians" during the last quarter —

Very Respectfully
Your Obed.t
L. P Taylor
Capt 2d Reg.t Art
& Comy of Sub.t

General Geo Gibson
&c &c &c
Washington City

10 Capt. J. N. Taylor's
Louisville Mch 2. 1831
Studs acct for 3d Qrs
corrected

Samuel Ewing Esqrs
W S Army
Washington City

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12th Nov.

Louisville Ky. 2d Nov 1831

General,

I have the honor to enclose you my account to corrected, for disbursements on account of the Removal of the Cherokees of Indians for the last Quarter –

The mistake of $2.62½ instead of $3.62½ was made by the clerk of Mr Byrnes in making the duplicate from the form I had made out.

Very respectfully
your Obdt
L F Taylor
Capt 4th Inft

General Geo Gibson
C.G.S
Washington City

Enc'g 15 Charges
Capt. J. P. Taylor

Louisville Nov. 11. 1831.

Has rec'd letter from Capt. Clark, asking 40 bbls flour and 30 " pork to the post of Arkansas by 1st November — this is impossible &c

Respectfully
Yr. Ob. Sv.
Bvt. Lt. Col. U.S.A.
Commanding 1st Dist.

Recd. 21 Nov

Louisville Ky Nov 1821 –

General,

By the last mail I received a letter from Capt. J B Clark dated 16th Oct requesting me to forward to the Post of Arkansas by the 1st Inst Forty Barrels of Flour and Thirty Barrels of Pork for Indian purposes – As it is impossible to comply with the wishes of Capt Clark. I shall not forward the stores in question – I send you a copy of Captain Clarks letter –

with great respect
Your Ob Serv
I F Taylor
Capt 1 Army of Ark

General Geo Gibson
Ac G I
Washington City

(Copy)

Little Rock, Ark. Ter.
October 16th 1831.

Dear Captain,

By yesterdays mail I was informed that the Choctaw Indians will be brought to four points, viz Memphis, Post of Arkansas, Blanton Ferry, near Point Chicot and Vicksburg, but have not been informed of the probable number that will arrive at either places -

I have been directed by the Comy Genl of Subs. when the point of crossing the Mississippi was ascertained to forward an estimate to you for subsistence stores, being entirely at a loss to know the number of Indians to provide for at either of the above named places. I have thought it advisable to say, that if you can by the first day of November 1831. have deposited at the Post of Arkansas, Forty barrels of flour and Thirty barrels of pork. I will thank you to do so -

Yours Very Truly
(Signed) J. B. Le Card
Capt. & A.C.S.

Capt. L.P. Taylor
Comy of Subs
Louisville Ky -

Rec'd by me this morning
L.P. Taylor
Capt. & C.S.

Louisville 11th Nov 1831 -

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Col° Gibson Comy.
Genl. Dp Subsistence.

Augt 20

Choctaw Agency July 25th 18[illegible]

Sir

Yours letter of the 30th ult°. with a view to obtain information upon the subject of the removal of the Choctaws west of the Mississippi, have been duly rec'd. In answer to your first question I am not able to say what number will go. It is probable there may be 6000 emigrants this fall. To your 2d° quest. I presume they will be in readiness by the first of Octo. 3d quest. I can only say the great bulk will assemble about Six Miles West of this place, on the Great Mail Road near Johnson Withers's. But you will please to observe that the great Body of the Nation lies South of that place upwards of 100 Miles where the Indians will expect some provision for their removal. 4th Ques. The best plan of crossing the Yazoo swamps is to enter at and cross the River a few miles below Col. Leflore's and pass through Blanton's Ferry about 15

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Trees below the mouth of Arkansas River 60 Miles
(you will observe there is an Old Indian trail
from the Yazoo, to Mississippi River and thro the
Swamp. The other Side 5 Miles to the high
lands; from thence on the old trail to Bayou
La Tholmes, and from thence on to Washetaubatabe
Creek, from thence to Washington and from
thence to the Choctaw line, This is the Route that
most of the Indians inclines to go to Settle on
the Waters of Red River. I have encouraged them
to settle there and let the Chickasaws have the
land on the Arkansas River, which many of
the Choctaws incline to sell to Govt. If the
Chickasaws cannot find land to suit them.
I am not authorised to make any arrange-
-ments of this kind with the Choctaws, but be-
-lieve it would be the best thing Government
could do to get of the Chickasaws who are
now in the way of the Mississippians there
then Choctaws are. — 5th Ques. There is an
old trail from near this place to the named
places of crossing the Yazoo & Mississippi Rivers but

must be opened before wagons can pass
to. The question of the cost of opening the Road
from this place to Yazoo, and through the
Swamps to Mrs. River, I am unable to
But would presume it would not be consider-
-able as the Road would not be used only in
any season of the year. It would be only
necessary to clear it sufficient for wagons
to pass. The quest. I can only answer this by
saying that the time of travelling about 160 miles
at 15 miles pr. day to the closing place named
on the Mississippi might be a fair calcu
lation allowing something for the Collection
of the Indians at the Ration issuing. 8th
quest. I should presume that from the
fine prospects of a corn crop in the nation
that corn can be had at fifty cts. pr. Bushl.
Beef at 2½ cts pr. lb. Bacon at 10 cts pr. lb.
and fresh pork at 3½ cts pr. lb. From the
Yazoo River through the Swamps supplies could
be sent on the Routes from this River to meet
the Indians that could return as they were wanted.

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Waggons and teams could be hired or
purchased near this place sufficient
to take the emegrants to the Mississippi
River, which those you speak of would
be glad to, to encamp on without any
detention or crossing the River. This is

[redacted]

I will write you again when I can
obtain more information on this subject

I have the honor to be very Respectfully
Your Obed't Serv't
T. Nuttall Esq. U.S.

P.S. I wrote by the days mail to Capt
Clark at Little Rock as you request

Major T. Cummings
U.S. Ind. Agent
Choctaw Agency
Ark. Ter.

Nuttall's Journal
Ft. Mrs. Wash.
Aug. 13 1819

Plants in bloom &c &c
Letter from Mr. Nuttall
dated 30th June

Commissary Gen'l of Subs. LR 1832 A Choctaw

Encl 4 Choctaw

J. W. Armstrong
Choctaw Agent
Little Rock
Jany 25th 1832

Encloses Capt Brown receipt for thirty five thousand dollars. He will leave for Fort Gaston on tomorrow & will pay the balance of the funds at Nashville to Lt. Stephenson — —

Transcribed

Little Rock 26th January 1832

Gen'l Gibson

Sir: I have the honor of inclosing Capt Brown's receipt for Thirty five thousand dollars in obedience to your instructions of the 21st Inst. last

I will leave here for Fort Towson on to Morrow and [redacted] I will Complete with the remaining [redacted] instructions by paying the balance of the funds by me received at Natchitoches to Lieut Stephenson.

(Respectfully) (your
Obt Servt
F. W. Armstrong
C. C. W.

George Gibson Commissary
Genl U.S.A

Louis J. Clerclaux

Col. R. Armstrong

Washington City

11 April 1832

Enclosed Mr. Stephenson's

receipt for fifteen

thousand dollars.

Mo 11th

Washington City
8. April 1802

Genl G. Gibson

Sir

I have this morning returned from [redacted] and have now the honor of enclosing [redacted] Lieut Stephenson receipt for the fifteen thousand dollars the ballance of the fifty Thousand Do. by Mr [redacted] under your instructions [redacted] —

This will accurately [redacted] on the books of the Auditor — for the interest [redacted] to I have the honor to be

With high regard
Your Obt Servt
T. W. Armstrong
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Craig Choctaw

F. W. Armstrong
Supt. Cho: Reme:
Resat
July 24th 1832

Enclosing letter from D. McMillan
in relation to Chactaw Cattle &c.

Inclosure

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Washington
24 July 1832

Gen. G. Gibson
Commissary Genl —

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you the Letter of Capt. D. McKellar Sub agent for the Chactaws west.

It refers to that Letter from the Indians and shows their great anxiety to get them. Allow me to suggest the propriety of your directing Lieut Stephenson to fill the certificates held by the new River Indians and let Lieut Kinzy fill those in the hands of the Indians Settled on the Arkansas River —

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The Certificates are complete. dis
distributing precisely the articles to be
furnished. A Receipt taken on I
the back of the Certificates — that p.
the number and kind of articles N.
has been received separately. this
Voucher will be a sufficient Voucher
to enable the County to abstract them
properly for Settlement

The expenses spoken of by
the Supt. to the Amount of four —
Thousand dollars — for Transpor-
tation of Articles furnished the
Indians under treaty stipulation
and for expenses in employ
=ing teams &c to follow there —
Certificates from Fort Smith
to Red River; will Also be
paid — L. presume by Govr

disbursing Officers under them
The relinquished lands
I have estimated for. and the
payment will take place as
they getting west — in the fall
The other expenses are
of Government property. I posted
them to you, for your action
on the same. Under them
powers I have felt it my
duty to make this com-
munication.

I have the honor
to be your
obt Servt

J. W. Armstrong
S. A. [illegible]

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Rec'd July 2d

Western Choctaw Agency
23d May 1832

Dear Sir

Agreeable to promise and duty also, I now devote a few moments to give the news of the Choctaw Agency West. We are getting on tolerable smoothly the greatest difficulty with me at this time is the want of money, it will require nearly five thousand Dollars, to defray the expences that has and will accrue at this Agency up to the 1st of June which amount you will please have forwarded as early as practicable, as I have strained my credit by borrowing money to enable me to get on with the business of this Agency. The steam Boats claim pay at this place for transportation of Choctaw Rifles and stores to Fort Smith

I have been obliged to buy Powder, Lead, and Steel there is not Lead to be had, at this place to make an Issue, the two Pounds of Powder and Lead per man is much needed, it will be found very troublesome to make half Issues.

I have made one trip with the Public waggons to Red River and am now on the way with the second Loads the weather being so warm and the flies getting bad I fear that I will not be able

to make any more this season. for that reason I have hired two private teams to take one load each at four Dollars per hundred pounds, Should the flies not prove bad I will try another load in July.

The Troops have not yet completed the Road I will travel the new rout this time as far as Kiamesha and then fall into the old Road

Col. Bean is here with me and will set off to join the Road cutters on tomorrow, Lieut Raindand will accompany him back of Cavanole mountain and to the mouth of the Kiamesha for the purpose of looking out a Road from that place to intersect the one the Troops are now opening, back of the Cavanole mountain I will then proceed on after the waggons to Towson

Col Bean said the Road from Fort Smith to Red River can be made an excellent one. but that Capt. Stewart said his orders will not suffer him to causeway any of the marshes it will be of great importance to have all the Boggy places Causewayed. without I fear waggons will not be able to pass at certain seasons of the year. when I return from Red River. I will be better able to give you information on this subject as I will travel that Road on my return. Col Bean said the navigation of Kiamesha will be good from the mouth of Jacks fork to the Red River. and Jacks fork I think a good Situation for a Ware House

hired Dollars I

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The Choctaws are very anxious to get the number of Cattle they turned over to Government in the old nation. and money for the Lands they relinquished please instruct me on that subject

Enclosed is a petition from Nittucca chee and his Captains

I have heard it mentioned by some of the merchants below the line that they would petition to have Lieut Rains removed from Fort Smith. they can have no other objection to him. only that he watches them closely and tries to suppress the vending of Spirituous liquors to the Indians. and adheres to his duty strictly. suffice it to say that there could not be an officer. sent to that post that would do it the same justice that Lieut Rains has and will do.

With sentiments of Respect
your Obt Humble Servt
D. McClellan
Sub Ag. C. N.

Major H. W. Armstrong
C. A. N.

Copy 6. [redacted]
Wm Armstrong
Nashville July 12th
1832

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Acknowledging the receipt of his appointment as Superintendent &c

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July 23

Nashville. 19th July. 1832.

George Gibson. Esq.r Commissary Genl. of Subsistence

Sir. The Several. Communications from. the War. dpartment. enclosing me. the Appointment of Superintendt. for. the removal. of the Chactaws. together. with the instructions have. this day. been. received.

I shall. leave. by. the. 15th. of this Month. for. the Nations; and. will agreable. to instructions. advise Your. dpartment of every. thing necessarily connected. with my. Appointment. " Any. further instructions you may. desire to make. You will please. address. to my. brother. Robt. Armstrong Post Mastr. at this place. — who. will perhaps. be. better enabled. to. judge. at. what place. such. Communications. would. find me.

Respectfully. Your. Obt. Servt.

(Wm. Armstrong).

Genl. George. Gibson.
Washington.

July 2nd 1832

To

Wm Armstrong Esq:

Copy of Appointment

as Interpreter to Choctaws

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War Department
July 2. 1832

Sir,

You are hereby appointed Superintendent for the removal of the Choctaws. Your duties will be confined to the country ~~where~~ east of the Mississippi. And specific instructions for their execution will be given to you by the Commissary General of Subsistence, to whom your communications will be addressed. I enclose a copy of the Regulations which have been adopted on the subject of Indian emigration, by which you will see the general nature of your duties, & the compensation which will be allowed to you.

Very respectfully &c
Signed/ Lew Cass

William Armstrong
Nashville
Tenn.

Corrig- & Choctaw

Wm. Armstrong
Choctaw Agency
Augt. 21st. 1832

Has taken measure to
have as many Indians
at the place of payi[n]g
the Annuity as may be
Submits the names
of Irwin, Campbell &
Turner as assistants &c.

Rec'd 4 Oct

Choctaw Agency 21st Augt 1832

Sir

On the 27th of this month the Annuity will be paid to the Indians of Mushehulatubbe & Nitakechee districts I have seen the principal Chiefs of Mushehulatubbe district and requested them to have as many of the Indians as possible assembling to Commence their journey. I will endeavor to collect them at as early a day as practicable, and when the time is agreed upon for meeting, they shall be enrolled and vaccinated with as great dispatch as possible. I can assure the Department from the day the Indians assemble, they shall be conveyed to the Mississippi upon the most economical and speedy plan, having a proper regard for the Comfort of the Indians. After the annuity I will advise the Department of the general plan of Moveing, and every thing connected with the moveing Capt Page principal disbursing Officer is here. also Mr. Wm J Calquhoon. In conformity with article 4th Sec 2 I submit to the Department the names of Thomas Irwin Philip Campbell & Robert B Turner. I have taken Mr Irwin into service, commencing on the 20th of this month and have ordered him to Chief-Mushuchakee's district to endeavor to have as many of the Indians at the Annuity as possible on the 27th at which place I propose to meet them. The other two Mr Campbell & Turner will await the conformation of

of the Department. Those three are proposed as assistants at four dollars per day. And I would respectfully ask the action of the Department as early as practible on this subject. Mr Calquhoon will proceed to Lafloors district to know at what time they will be ready to emigrate. After I have made the arrangements in the before mentioned districts I will join him & give him such assistance as may be necessary in getting off Lafloors party. There is yet some cattle to be valued [redacted] those that wish to receive [redacted] of the River for those here. I have examined Mr Byrn's instructions and would be glad to have more fully the views of the Department on this subject. I do not find in them any printed regulations any allowance made for horses that may be rode or driven by the Indians I would be glad to be informed as they have made application to me. Last year they say a gallon of corn per day was allowed to each Indian horse.

I will by next Mail inform the Department at what time the first party of Indians will probably be at Memphis. and also as directed advise Mr Shreaves. I cannot as will be perceived from this letter, tell at time the Indians will assemble. but I hope to get additional information by the time above as near as practible the time we will arrive at the Mississippi and the point. I know no time should be lost in advising Capt Shreaves on the subject.

Respectfully your obt.

Wm Armstrong

Genl George Gibson.
Commissary Genl of Subsistence

Approval
of the War Department
of the nomination by
Wm Armstrong Esq
of Thos. Irwin
Philip Campbell &
Robt B. Turner
to be
Asst Agents

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Emigration of Indians
Office of Com.r Gen.l of Sub.
Sept. 5. 1832.

Sir,

(Wm. Armstrong Esq Superintendent (east of the Mississippi) of the removal of the Choctaws, nominates, in accordance with the 4th Article, Section II. of the Regulations, the following gentlemen to be Assistant Agents in said removal.) viz:

Thomas Irwin
Philip Campbell &
Robert B. Turner

Should the Secretary of War approve of these nominations, the Superintendent will be immediately notified of the fact.

Respectfully
Your mo. obt
T. H. Harris
Actg C. G. I.

Thos Robb Esq
Actg Sup.t Choctaws

Approved
John Eaton
Sec.y of War

Ewing 120 Choctaw

F. W. Armstrong

Nashville

4th Sept 1832

Is detained at Nash-
ville a few days by
the President who
is there & wishes
to have the Choctaws
& Chickasaws occupy our
Country West of Missi:

Rec'd. 13 Sept

Washington
4 Sept 1812

Genl G. Gibson

Q. G. L

Sir By the last
Mail I forwarded to the Department
Copies of two Letters — One one to Capt.
Brown will put you in possession of
the way in which I wish commence
Operations with him On the west side

The other is merely to inform
you that Mr. Spencer is committable
and that he will enter on his duty
as set forth in my letter to him

I am detained here
a few days longer than I expected
by the President. Who intends that
one more effort shall be made this
Month to bring about some understanding
= standing between the Chactaws & Cherokees
= a/ any so that our Country with do
both

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Respectfully

I will leave this morning
Mail —

This Letter ought to
have been with the Copies here
in Montevideo — but I omitted
it —

~~If any thing~~ Should
Prevent the Quartermaster Genl
from acting I should prefer to
Leave Wha- in the Position in
that Situation — I shall in my Letter
Should Occasion — more charges will take
place and Write to the Chartered
Agency — Duplicate in Memphis
I have the honor
to be your Obt
Servant

F. W. Armstrong
C. A. M

Genl. J. Tuttle
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Cahokia Pachville

2d Sept 1832.

Capt. Jacob Brown,

Sir,

In conformity with my instruction as special agent for the removal of the Indians West of the Mississippi, it becomes my duty to inform you fully, my views and arrangements for the removal of the people. For the purpose of enabling you to carry promptly into effect the several operations connected with the business of migration, I will now proceed by informing you, that I will be at the Ste Genevieve on the 10th inst. where I am to meet the superintendant for this side - at which time he is to inform me of the probable number, the number of Indians that will then reach - also, the number of waggons &c that they will be under the necessity of procuring under the intersections, together with such other information as it is indispensably necessary for us to have as a basis for our operations, so that we can act definitely in making the

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proper arrangements to receive the Indians on the Arkansas side of the river and to remove them to their new homes.

I will be glad to receive your views in answer to this, directed to Memphis, where I expect to be in this month.

I have been with pleasure your arrangements in reference to many improvements made on the routes, and I feel confident that we can get on with ~~proper~~ facility and ease in the performance of our various duties.

I well know that much, indeed, depends for your successfully ~~carrying~~ us properly with the means for ~~carrying~~ said measures into effect, and it will afford me pleasure to receive from you any information you may have calculated to facilitate my ~~to~~ ends in the work of removal and emigration of the Indians.

I wish you to advise me particularly of the difficulties, if any there be that we may likely have to encounter on the route - and at the same time take

such Measures as in your judgement will
reduce them by the time you get there, as
it is all important that we should
reach their Country before the bad
weather sets in - Luck may or may not be
to encounter bad weather.

My suspicion is that Mr. Blakeney
will be the point for the reception of
all the Tombeckbee Indians via Memphis -
and that the Southern Indians from
Stoffers and Natchez Districts will embark
at Pinkney and be delivered to us at
the Post of Arkansas - The parties
with the Mail at Mr. Blacks, and
those intending to settle below Jonson
on Red River will keep your old
route by the Creek, the other to Fort
Smith and across to Boggy - all
of which you shall be immediately
advised of by express from the old
Agency, making report on the same
time the proper requisitions in conformity
to my instructions.

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Even at this time arrangements may be
made with safety on the Arkansas for
forage to a considerable extent.
I know that you are anxious for the
success of the negotiations, and the prints at
which the Indians will be landed
that every thing will be done to expedite
the business as much as possible.

I am, with respect,
Your Obt. Servt.

Capt. Brown,
Prin. Disbursing Agt.
Little Rock

Emig^n 13 Choctaw

Wm Armstrong
Choctaw Agency
1.st Sep. 1832

The annuity was paid on
27.th aug.t An unusual
number of Indians present
& any claims ag.t the
Indians by the white
In Nitachis dis
trict are about 3000 who
will go west or Emigrate
In Mush Sim-lahalleg
about 2000.

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Rec. 17th

Choctaw Agency
1st Sept. 1832

Sir

I have now the honor to state to the Department that I this day arrived from the Old Choctaw trading house on the Tombigby. distant from here about seventy miles. where the annuity was paid on the 29th to Mush-she-la-tubbe & Sit-a-cha-chee districts The Indians had by some mistake expected the annuity to be paid them some few days sooner, and as I had sent out the assistant Agents amongst them, to have as many on the ground as possible the number present was unusually large. I called the Chiefs & Captains with the men of each district together, & after stating my business with them, and giving them such a talk as I thought necessary. desired them to select a day for rendezvous for the purpose of emigrating West of the Mississippi That on the day by them selected I should expect them to meet without fail. Sit-a-cha-chee's district fixed upon the 1st day of October to assemble at what is called Garland's Old Field. About One hundred & fifty or sixty miles from Vicksburg. In their district there are two parties. One headed by Opi-a-ho-mah the Chief left in command by Sit-a-cha-chee who is now west of the river & the other led by Sock tail. there will be about fifteen hundred in each party. Mush-she-la-tubbe's district after holding a Council fixed upon the 3d day of October for assembling at the Old Council house. two miles from the Agency This district will be divided between Folsom & himself. there will be between twenty and twenty five hundred of them. I consider it extremely fortunate that we all met at the annuity. & have no doubt it will be a great saving to the Government. As every Indian in each district understands the day and place selected for assembling. I feel satisfied that we will have no difficulty in those two districts. As all the Indians appeared well pleased with the arrangement. Having seen the different letters to Col. Ward the Agent in which it was reported that

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that perhaps Lt Col Armstrong would be present at the annuity. I took the liberty of assisting the Col. there was a number of Claims against the Indians presented by White men. as this is perhaps the last payment that will be made. I have no hesitation in saying that most if not all the Claims were fraudulent. at least such as should not be paid out of there Annuity. and being called on by the Indians for advice. I recommended them to pay no individual debts out of the annuity. that they were now on the eve of emigrating. and that they would want all the goods they could get. This I know would have been the advice of the Agent West had he been present. and which was adopted. On the 14th the Annuity is to be paid in Leflores district. Mr Cross is now there. where I expect to meet him. after which I will give a more full account of the intended movement in that district. On the 5th of this month the Contracts are to let out here for supplying rations to the Indians & Corn for the teams. I have advertised for seperate contracts on each rout to Vicksburg & Memphis. reserving the right of rejecting all combination. also rejecting the bid of unreasonable. I have no doubt the contracts will be taken at fair prices. I will however advise the department immediately the result after the 5th Inst. Corn is as I mentioned unusually scarce. It will cost generally one dollar per bushel. But is plenty at 2 @ 2½ dls. The Waggons & Teams I will be able to engage for this district at [redacted] @ 3.50 and found. and no responsibility for accidents. the Teamsters to have such ration as is furnished the Indians and nothing more. to meet here on the 5th Oct. two days after the assembling of the Indians & to be paid three dollars for every twenty miles returning and find themselves. a few of the waggons will have to go through a part of the district previous to the day of assembling for the purpose of bringing in the baggage but the number will be few. As I have told the Indians generally that they must pack in upon their ponies. A few days before the day of meeting I will start out the Assistants through the district with a few leading half breeds. for the purpose of hurrying the Indians in by the time appointed.

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I consider it very important to enlist the good feelings of some of the most influential half breeds. and I will therefore employ them for a few days in this way. The number of Indians that will bear there own effences west I am inclined to think will be few in the two districts I have seen. it will be very difficult to keep them from occasionally mixing with our parties, and they frequently as I know have their ponies stolen about the Mississippi river. and are very awkwardly situated without an Interpreter. or some agent of the Government to aid them together with the fact that their pay is drawn by their leaders west who have made them find themselves by hunting. and they are detained in consequence at least four months. they also leave ferriages to pay. & make accounts with the Whites. under all the circumstances I have not encouraged their emegration in any way except by the Government. some however will go. and I would respectifully recommend not a greater allowance than last year with their ferriages

I mentioned before the Indians were detained in getting the annuity. I found on my arrival they were suffering greatly for something to eat. I informed McGains & Col. Ward who applied to me to furnish them some provisions that I was not authorised to issue any until the assembling of the Indians. Messrs. Glover & Gains agreed to furnish them if Col. & Myself would state the facts to the department. I know the great facility it rendered us to meet between four & five thousand Indians of two districts together. and that ultimately it must be a great saving to the Government in getting them off. I saw no other way of keeping them together. as they were suffering very much. I therefore submit it to the department to say if shall be paid.

Respectfully I have.
the honor. to be
(your. obt. Servt
Wm Armstrong

Genl. George. Gibson.
Commissary. Genl. Subsistence
Washington

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Emig- 14 Choctaws

Wm Armstrong

Choctaw Agency

6th Sep 1832

Speaking of a combination among bidders.

Has rejected the bids

Rec'd 20 Sept

6th Sept 1832

On Friday the contracts were offered for furnishing the emigrating Indians with rations. there was a general combination of bids. there being no responsible one at a fair price. I rejected all & have determined after advising with Capt Page to furnish by the Officers of the Government the lowest offer for corn was one dollar & twenty five cents per bushel, and the ration at eight. I had but little confidence in the ability of the bidders to supply the contract without advances from the Government = and as I feel assured, Corn will not cost over one dollar & B. if 25 cents at most, I fear not that we will be able to save money for the Government.

I have a few lines from Lieut Brambridge. Saying that he had rejoined the department of his non acceptance. Lieut Simonton is here with Capt Page if Lieut Montgomery was here we would have one officer in each of the Districts. which would be a sufficiency. Mr Reston has not yet arrived. we have now the month of Sept to make our arrangements for supplies. and I feel well assured that after

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we shall have delivered, the Indians at the river
the department will be well satisfied

Respectfully your obt
Servt

Wm O Armstrong.

Genl Geo Gibson
Commissary of Subsistence

Ennig 15 Choctaw

Wm Armstrong
Choctaw Agency
10th Sept 1832

Asking that the estimated
funds of $59,440 may be
sent to.

Rec'd 28th Oct Choctaw Agency 11th Sept 1832

Sir

The time is approaching that makes it necessary and should have funds. I have made out what I thought would be the expenses of the removal of the two Districts and paid onto Capt Page for the district he has selected, & another to Lieut. Simonton for his district. Lieut Montgomery has not yet arrived. his estimate will be the same as Lieut Simontons and as no time is to be shaved. I would respectfully ask the department to send the funds necessary for him. The whole amount is $57.440.- which as you will perceive is making an allowance of one Cent per day to each Indian Pony. I have written the Department on this subject & hoped to be answered in time. I have put down the ration at 7¢ but I hope to make it cost the Government not exceeding 6¢.

It would be most convenient for Lieut Simonton & Montgomery to have their funds at Natchez - as they go to Vicksburgh - & Capt Page at Nashville as he goes to Memphis

We are making every effort to coop the Red skins as early as possible. if the cholera should reach the Adjoining Country. doubtless it will be at Memphis & Vicksburgh

I start to day for Pafloys district the Annuity as I stated is to be paid there on the 14th Any funds the department may have forwarded the different Officers of course will be deducted from the estimate of 57,440 for all the emigration not including those who take commutation. Nothing is mentioned about appropriating medical aid. I would be glad to hear from the department on this subject

Respectfully. I have the honor to be Your Obt

John Armstrong

Genl. George. Gibson Commissary of Genl.

Copy 16 Choctaw

Wm. Armstrong
Choctaw Agency
17th Sept 1832

Opposing the Commutation
allowance to Indians
that they be enabled to remove
themselves.

Rec.d 1 Oct

Choctaw Agency 17 Sept.r 1832

Sir

I have just returned from the Line distant eighty miles from here at which place the annuity was paid in Lafleurs district on my arrival in the Nation I discovered the difficulty that would arise if the Government gave a commutation to the Indians. I now know it to be a matter of speculation with some of the Half breeds to take the Indians over and subsist by hunting and indeed I was informed by a leader of a party last year of about three hundred. who has returned here and is now endeavouring to raise another party that he had sold his land for goods and credited them to the Indians that were to emigrate. and that unless he got them certificate he would loose his pay I find great difficulty in getting on in consequence of the idea the Indians have that the Government will allow ten fifteen or twenty dollars. under all the circumstances I have stated to the Indians

that the goverment was prepared to move them.
agreable to the treaty in Waggons or steam Boats
and that they would not be removed in any other way
. I found it absolutely necessary to adopt this course
after Consulting with my brother Jno Armstrong
who was present with me I would respectfully
ask an answer from the department as early
as practicable

Respectfully your Ob.

Jno Armstrong

Genl George Gibson
Commissary Genl of Subs

We want Instructions in the steps
which I am making

Ensig 17 Choctaw

T. W. Armstrong

Agency 17th Sept

1832

Requesting some officer
may be sent with funds.

Agency 17. Septr 1832

Genl. G. Gibson Rec'd 1 Oct.

Sir

I have the honor of informing you that I reached here this morning from the annuity ground in Taylors District to which place Wm Armstrong and myself went last week— I have seen his letter to you of this date and agree with him in his views. The importance of the course pursued and recommended by him, in reference to the Indians proposing to emigrate on their own resources— for the commutation allowance is unequivocally necessary to protect the common Indians from speculations upon them by the leaders of their party.

I will leave here tomorrow for Little Rock. (Via) Memphis— with all the information proper for me. to commence Operations on the West bank of the Mississippi.

I must call your attention to our cash concerns when you receive this. Unless Capt. Brown has the money already in his hands, available. It will be important that you send the funds intended for our Office— direct to little Rock. There will not be time now for Estimates after my getting over there, nor will there be time for the disbursing Officer to cash his drafts by going to any Bank.

Do send some officer by the way of Nashville and Memphis with the funds

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To be without the stuff will not answer for a moment. By the 1st of November, or as soon after as practicable say by the 10th, I will expend at least as great an amount as is estimated for the Eastside of the River. I hope however that this part of my letter may prove unnecessary by the funds being there now. A portion of which should be in small Notes

Respectfully
your Obt
Servt
J. W. Armstrong
C. A. M. O

Genl. G. Gibson
C. G. S.

Envig 18 Choctaw

F. W. Armstrong
Choctaw Agency
18th Sept 1832

Enclosing copy of a
letter from the Chief Clerk
of the War Dept relative
to the employment of
Mr. Speer.

Enclosure

See letter from Genl
Armstrong of 4th Oct
Mr. Speer

Ans. Oct 4. 1832

Rec'd 2 Oct.

Choctaw Agency
18th Sept 1832

Genl Gibson
C. G. S.

Sir

Accompanying this letter you will receive a copy of a letter from the Chief Clerk of the War Department to Mr Spier. It is proper now for me to state that in ordering him into service, when in Nashville, of which I advised you. The word unofficial at the top of the letter was not observed by me. On reference to the same letter to day. I for the first time noticed the word above alluded to. If the caption so cautiously marked had been noticed on my first seeing the letter. I would not have felt myself authorized to have given him an order of any kind.

From my Order annexed to the copy of Chief Clerks letter. it will be seen that he is not named for any particular situation, We have a sufficient number of followers and as for the West bank I shall have none to appoint. a confirmation of the precise appointment described in my Order to Mr Spier will be sufficient. If the interest of the public requires his continuance he will be sustained beyond the river. if it does not I have plainly told him that he will be out of service.

I have the honor to be
your obt Servt
J. W. Arrington

Washington city
May 15th

Depart. of War
Lewis Cass

Mr. Nathan A. Spier
Nashville
Tenn

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(Unofficial)

Department of War
May 14th 1832

Dear Sir

In answer to your letter of the 17th april addressed to Mr Blair and by him refered to this Department I have the pleasure to inform you that Major Armstrong Agent for the Chactaws west of the Mississippi has been instructed to employ you as an assistant in removing them so soon as he is prepaired to commence operations.

Very respectfully
Yr Ob' Serv't
John Robb
Chief Clerk W.D.

Mr. Nathan A Speir
Nashville
Tenn.

Envg 19 Choctaws

F. W. Armstrong

Choctaw Agency

18 Sept 1832

Maj Langham has arrived & reported himself and will be employed as

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Rec.d 5 Oct

Choctaw Agency
18th Sept 1832

Sir

I have the honor of informing you that Majr Langham has this moment arrived and reported himself in obedience to the instruction given him by me before leaving Washington. which was given in accordance to the wishes of the Secretary of War. He will leave here to day with me for Little Rock and will be engaged as an assistant West of the Mississippi.

Col Rector has not yet reached here nor have we heard from him. I will be at Little rock by the first of October

I have the honor to be
Yr Obt Servt
F. W. Armstrong
Supt Ind Affrs

Genl Gen. Gibson
C. G. S.
Washington City

Encl.ᵉ 20 Choctaws

Wm. S Armstrong

Choctaw Agency

19th Sept 1832

Dissuading from encouraging the Indians to remove on Commutation &c.

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Rec'd Octob 2nd

Choctaw Agency
19th Sept 1832

Sir

I had the honor of addressing the Department very hastily immediately on my arrival here from Pasloors annuity.

As it regards a commutation to be given to the Indians to move themselves. I beg leave to refer the Department to my last communication of the 17th Inst. I found it almost impossible to get along if the Indians were at liberty to emegrate through the Agents of the Government or go by themselves as they pleased. They were changing so often it was impossible to know how many Waggons and teams & how much provisions we would want the great difficulty of keeping them from mixing with our Indians on the way. As well as the many frauds that were intended to be used in obtaining the certificates after they were given by leading half breeds heading a party and hunting and delaying on the way. after their arrival west to obtain on speculation the certificate of the Indian induced me both for the protection of the common indian as well as the interest of the Government to state that in my opinion no commutation would be given. I hope the Department have already anticipated me. and determined to have no certificates issued. It would be dificult to give them to the Indians were it determined on. Scattered as they are over a large extent of Country If one individual was ordered to do it. he would not give a Certificate unless he saw the party that intended to emegrate. and it would become necessary for him to go in person to the Indian. or the Indian to come to him

I therefore hope the Department will be satisfied with the Course I have taken. The Indians in Pasloors district

will assemble on the 1st of Oct. from twenty five hundred to three thousand they will go from that district to Vicksburgh. I left Mr. Cross making the such arrangements as are necessary but will return again in a few days

We now want a disbursing Officer. I have been anxiously looking for Lieut. Montgomery as it is intended for him to operate in that district

I have already advised the Department of the location of Capt Page and Lieut Simonton. We can do very well with a disbursing Officer for each district.

F. W. Armstrong left yesterday for the West side of the Mississippi with an estimate of the number that would emigrate from each district. the point they would approach the river, the probable time and every information necessary to enable him to make the arrangements West of the river. I flatter my self that we have every thing in a proper train. nothing now wanted but Money which I expect by Lieut Simonton on the 20th from Nashville and hope Lieut Montgomery will be on by that time. I am getting uneasy for fear he may be detain'd too long. If however he should not arrive in time I will remedy it with the other two as well as we can. Nothing as yet has been heard from Mr. Rector. Mr. Speir is now here and has been instructed to report to me by the Agent West. From the letter of the Chief Clerk The Department expected him to be engaged in the removal of the Indians West of the river. as he would be unemployed on the Coast over. I will give him a situation but will expect him to be paid for his services by the officers on the West side of the river. It is agreed between F. W. Armstrong and myself. that the assistants on the East side will go on, provided they have done their duty by receiving as we do that by the time they arrive at the west

they will be more capable of assisting than new hands. therefore the same parties will proceed on. As they are arranged here

Respectfully. Yr. Obt
Servt.

Wm Armstrong. Supt. Ser.
Removals West Choctaws.

Genl George Gibson.
Commissary. Genl. Subt.

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Emig 21 Choctaw

Wm Armstrong

24th Sept 1832

Choct Agency

Speaks of the arrival of

Lieut. Montgomery & Senator

with Funds. —

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Rec'd Oct

Choctaw Agency – 24th Sept 1832

Sir.

I have now the honor to state to the Dept the arrival of Lieut. Montgomery – with the funds that were deposited to his Credit in the U. States Bank at Nashville – also Lieut. Simonton who returned to Nashville for the funds to his Credit in the same Bank – and the said Lieutenants deposited to the Credit of Capt Page. We are now actively engaged with the assistants through the different parts of the nation – and by the 1st of October – I hope the Indians will be punctual in attendance –

Respectfully Your.
Obt

Wm Armstrong Supt. Fair.
Chas. Hub. Choctaws

Genl George Gibbs
Commissary Genl of Subs

Encl 22 Chocktaw

F. W. Armstrong

Memphis 26th Sept 1832

Speaks of the price of Cotton
provisions &c - also funds.

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Rec. 12 Oct. - Memphis 26th Sept. 1832

Genl. G. Gibson C.G.S.

Sir

I arrived in this place, last evening, on my way to Little Rock, where I expect to be in the last day of this month.

I have received a letter from Capt. Brown in answer to one written from Nashville, a copy of which I forwarded to your department for your perusal. I now send you a copy of his answer, from which you will perceive that Mr. Fulton is in charge of his department. My object in getting over so early, will be to have the waggons and all things ready for the reception of the Indians west of the river. I fear that but little has been done in the way of roads for on the west side.

I will know on my arrival and will write you more fully.

It is all important that we should be kept in funds: unless that

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is done, we must be subject to combinations
Gen Armstrong & Capt Page have completely
defeated those baggage ords, throwing over the
public expenditures, by the means taken
by them and will prove a great saving
to the U States.

Corn here will be forty or fifty cents.
Beef about 2½. In passing through the
Chickasaws one dollar, for corn will
be given for a few days.

After getting up into the Middle
of Arkansas, corn crops are good; about
Helena I learn they are short. From
present appearances Helena will be
a prominent point of landing. Should
the river keep low, no boats can get
to the Post, and in that event nearly
or quite all the Indians must land
at Helena.

I presume we will have the
aid of two boats from Capt Stevens. I
have received copies of his orders to
his Captains. I presume the Engineer
Dept can give you all the information
asked for touching the boat service.

I have the honor to be
Very Resp. Obt Servt
J. W. Armstrong
Sup. M. Dept

Little Rock A. T.
September 20th 1842

Gen.

Your communication dated the 2d Inst. is just at hand, and I have only time to say, prior to the close of the mail, that whatever has been deemed necessary for the advancement of future operations in the removal of Choctaws, has been under notice. Such as required sanction from head quarters has been referred, and among other things was the subject of roads, and regret that authority has not been received for making sundry repairs.

I suggested at an early period after the appropriation of the $20.000 made for repairing the road from St Francis to Little Rock, that the repairs be commenced early, that that portion of it from Mr Blacks to this place might be put in repair, in time to meet emigrating movements: but as yet nothing is done, and do not hear that any preparations are making to meet that object. I leave this evening for New Orleans: During my absence

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absence of Dr. Fields the Agent is charged
with the duties of this office

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt

(signed) J. Brown
Capt. & A. A. Genl

To / Maj: F. W. Armstrong
Special Agent Choctaw Nation
Memphis

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Envig 24 Choctaw

Wm. Armstrong
Choct Agency 28th Sept '32
Relative to Indian Claims
Some of them noticed as
heretofore.

Rec. 14 Oct. 32

Chuctaw Agency
28th Sept. 1832

Sir

I start for the rendezvous in Leflores district to day to meet Mr Byrne who receives the Cattle of the Indians that are about to emegrate. The time is approaching so near, that I advertised a sale at this place a few days since, and followed the prevalent instructions. Col. Byrne appraised the Cattle & returned me to Capt Page thirty two head, all that would do for beef, and sold the ballance thirty six head of Cows & bulls, for Cash, and paid over to Capt Page his receipt of money & estimate of the beef will be forwarded in a short time. Mr Byrne proceeded on to the southern district & directed Mr Colquhoun to act as my agent and pursue the same course, and pay over to Lieut Simonton. Tomorrow I meet Col. Byrne in the remaining district. I intend taking every thing that will make beef, and will endeavour to have as little loss to Government as possible. today I expect to hear from the department I would suggest the perspriety of directing your communications to the care of my brother Robert Armstrong Post Master at Nashville I am informed that letters frequently come through Virginia & Danville and come in at Florence, and are much longer and more uncertain in getting on. I will return to this place by the 5th Oct the day of rendezvousing for this district I have not heard from Doct Simms. I have already given the department my reasons the impracticability of vaccinating the Chactaws. they are anxious to have it done, when they get to their new homes. And I would respectfully suggest to the Department that it could perhaps be

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letter carried into effect during the time they are drawing their subsis-
-tance for the years after they arrive in their country than any other
time. they will then be in large parties. and near the posts where
the Army Physicians are and they can perform the operation.

I intend having for each district a good lot of but Cattle on
the hoof. and will direct purchases to be made. that the number
may do us while remaining at Vicksburgh and Memphis. so that
we may not be without and be forced to give a high price

I have the honor to be
Yr. Obt. Servt.

Jno Armstrong Supt for
Agency of the Choctaw

N.B.

I have not heard from Col. Rector his absence
confines me more in this district than I had intended.

We will be at the Mississippi between 25th and last of
October.

Genl Geo. Gibson
Commissy Genl of Subs
Washington City

Emig 25 Choctaws

Wm Armstrong
Choct: Agency 5 Oct 1832

The whole Emigration
he will be at Vicksburg &
Memphis in all Oct. &c.

Rec'd 22 Oct Choctaw Agency 5 Oct 1832

Sir

The Indians are now assembling at this place appointed in their district as wide as the whole nation They leave their homes with some reluctance and as they have been so much indulged how to persuade in delaying their own time & persuasion somewhat difficult to gather them in they have not been distinctly informed that this time for emigration was definitely by the government — and that I should not delay beyond a prosperous time — I have fixed to take up the march on the 12th Oct — so as to arrive at Memphis with this party in the month of Oct — and escape the Mississippi

I have returned to day from Lafayette district Mr Crosby as I informed the Dept of the proposals addressed and every thing is well arranged there — Mr Colquhoun is acting in the Southern district and I am advised is getting in readiness — the whole emigration will be at the Mississippi (Vicksburgh & Memphis) in all this month — The arrival of Gov Ritchie on Saturday has determined me to visit Mr Colquhoun once more before closing — but the arrival

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communications from this Dept— to day. particularly the one on the subject of the Steam Boats— have determined me to See this party about three days on the way— and make a hard ride day & nights to Memphis— I yet expect from the Communication I shall receive from Capt Shreve that the U S boats will be ready for transporting the Indians— indeed I have his positive order to the Capts of the Archimedes & Velocipede placing them under my Charge after the 25 Oct I agree however with Capt Delafield that other boats perhaps better adapted could easily have been engaged— and yet can— As the expense will be a charge to the Indian emigration I would of prefer to engage others at first—

The Dept may however take no fear on this subject— I will give my self ample time to procure other boats provided I find on my arrival at Memphis that the U. S. boats are not at my disposal— Col Fleston has been detained by severe indisposition— and yet badly. Could he not go with the Memphis party— Mr Campbell is with Mr Crop— and Mr Farnum is confined by severe indisposition— he will I fear not recover— I will advise the Dept of Mr Farnum's situation regularly. until we start— I have to request that the Dept will address their Communications to me through my brother Robt M. G. Polk at Nashville— Yesterday I rec'd several letters from the Dept that should have been rec'd Ten days since— they passed in the large mail by—

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ant. we remained. and returned from Natchez. — I hope. no delay will occur in having funds to discharge the Steamboat — on Our arrival at the Mississippi. I have great hopes that we will be able to Crop over at Memphis and Take the road direct on —

Respectfully. Your Obt.

Wm Armstrong Supt.
for. Chact. Removal —

Genl. George. Gibson.
Commissary Genl of Subs.
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Emig 26 Choctaw

Wm Armstrong

13th Oct 1832

Camp 2 miles from the Agency. The Emigration will be 2000 via Memphis

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Rec'd 29 Oct Camp. two Miles from the Agency
13 Oct 1832.

Sir

I have now the honor of informing the Dept that I have Organized and put in Motion the emigrating party for Red river. they will go on to a nother rendezvous where there will be about two hundred. this party when united will be about seven hundred and emigrate to Red river — the other party I will organize to Morrow and take up the March — and Come up with the first party — at the rendezvous above — the whole emigration will be 2000 from this district — Viz Memphis — I have had great trouble to seperate the parties and place those that desired to go to Red River under a Capt — intending to emigrate there — and those that desired to go to Arkansas under a Capt for that Country but for this precaution on our arrival at Mrs Blacks within thirty Miles of the Rock. the two parties would have to be reorganized — as there the Arkansas party will take up the river and the other party Cross at Little Rock — I have had great difficulty to encounter the laws of Mississippi — being extended over the Choctaws and their having had Considerable dealings in disposing

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of their Lands and stock of different Kinds — The Constable & Sheriffs were on the ground — however I believe I done for the best —

I will conduct this party in person about fifty Miles when I will give the Conducting to Col. Hector — who is now able to — Take Charge — Mr. Jones will accompany the Red River party they will however be near together — I consider it important that I go direct for Memphis — after Accompanying the [redacted] party as far as above — alluded to — and will — Follow on. Lest the Ships Crew — who has this day arrived — to make Contracts for transports From — on my Arrival in Memphis I will adopt the Dept of the manner in which the transports Fare will be procured they will however be done without it being understood that the Indians are near at hand or the number — I am yet in hopes, notwithstanding the severe rains that we will be able to Cross over at Memphis — if so the Sawing will be great — I will proceed down immediately to Vicksburgh. Mr. Colquhoun will leave to day for Vicksburgh with upwards of Two thousand — and Mr. Croft with about the same number on the 15th — I will have the Waggons Steam dispatched — immediately on their Arrival — We are using every exertion

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to emigrate on the most economical plan for the government
I have not yet employed no Physicians to day. an Indian broke
his leg and we were have of course to have him we have
no Medicine but what belongs to private individuals it is
now too late to hear from the Sloop but I consider it very necessary
that we should of had Medical Aid When I was there
medicine with the Waggons and those Attached to the emigration at least a Physician should of been employed

Respectfully your Obt

Wm Armstrong Supt
Choct Emigrat

Genl George Gibson Comm.
Genl Subs Washington

Ennig 27 Choctaw

J. W. Armstrong

Memphis 10 Oct 1832

Speaks of employing the S.
Snagg boats - and others boats -
will rely upon the latter &c

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Memphis
Rec'd 19 Oct 10 Oct 1862

Genl J. C. Gibson

Commissioner for Indians
Office of Indian

Sir I have the honor of transmitting a letter from Capt Sweeny U States Steam Sloop Adirondack in which he informs me [redacted] an order from Capt Sweeny to him directing that he should aid in the transportation of the Indians across the Mississippi

On reading this letter I am forced to believe that but little aid can be rendered from the U States they Whom it will be seen that take upon themselves the directions of their own movements, disregarding entirely the views of the Superintendent fully pointed out and when the responsibility can devolved. Knowing as all the general Agent of the government

I explained to the Capt that under no pretext whatever could he be warranting at Vicksburg until

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of November. and expect him to come
to this place by the 25. this inst. In addi
on getting over this present party. (this letter
gives the answer) I am now determ
-ined not to stay for one moment
on the Ice Slaty route. for Dear Appear
=ances if they are Present and will
~~adopt the Summary~~ Officers. they will
be used if not they may take it
out in Fishing for Imajo

In make all things certain
I have this day employed Frank Conroy
with a long Kate Mackenzie to make for
to be Interpreter. they will be here on the
25. ready to meet Wm Thomas party —
Jones Richardson Party — Whom they can be
put on board and then desist for
White River Landing — at which
place from the 5. November to
the 10 there is to be 15 Cayuses
ready to take up the Mundurian for

the new country.

Shawla the neighboring Indians get to that place before those boats can cross this great prairie and get down to that point – the white Charter Large boats for two up to the Mouth of White River – where they can land them Shawla the river is at its lowest stage which is never less than 5 feet but over now there is 6 feet and Shawla there be a depth of two feet. almost any boat can go up the heavy engaged draws 4 feet Water –

The whole has had a dreadful storm for the last 24 hours – and plenty of rain the Mississippi bottom has been afloat the swamps is already impassable The White River Landing Boats can only proceed of Bayous & swamps and bring the Indians to that point – for our contract [illegible] Shawla we come from

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Letter informing me that Capt Bradford
desires to see you this business of conveyance
from. I hope on his return from Erie
they will determine to continue
at least four this season if not longer
I will post off to Maynard the matter
with St. & Capt Page between this and the
army. by the 20. this inst. I will Attend
the Indian Treaty of the 25th Inst
on this March (at this place). There
will be there Tonnage for me. to increase
if practicing our Meaning thereby by sending
our Cypress to Erie. from. Tonnage may
or Cancelling Our White Pine Inquiring
for the Interpretation &c
if necessary. from Major Langham &
Capt Bradford I write
on the 22. to Make Arrangements
here for the 25. Our first great
day. for all things here. Thanks
the Dam Indians Forty fifty in
Calculation are — you will not hear
from me Until the 25th. My letters
from the Fort — connection with this will Shew all
things — I have the honor to be Dear Armstrong &c

Genl R. H. Armstrong
Supt Indn Affairs
Helena
M. T.

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U. S. Steam Boat Chickasaw
Island No 76, 1st Oct 1832

Maj. H. W. Stanbrough
Supt. Indn Affrs Northern Indians
Sir,

I Rec'd Your communication dated Memphis 24th Sept 1832 per Steamer Union. And Am Sorry that it is out of My Power to Comply with Your request therein Contained — My Instructions from the Sec'y Navy for the improvement of the River, and Mississippi Rivers, Are positive, And I feel myself bound to Act according to them — You Know Sir, as well as I do, the Instructions, Which is that I Am to be at Vicksburgh with the Chickasaw On, or before the 15th of this Month. —
I shall be at Work in this Neighborhood Until about 11, or 12 inst. after which I will proceed to Vicksburgh As ordered

Very Respectfully
Your Obed't Serv't
— Wm Owens
Comd'g
Chickasaw

Encig 28 Chickasaw
F. G.t. C. Armstrong
Memphis 2.d Sep.r 1832
Sea Ats of the Lands taken
by Capt Hunt to Capt
Brown. Going on with
&c.

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Rec'd 5th Nov Memphis

21 Oct 1832

Emigration of Indians

Office of Removal

I have the honor to ack-
nowledge the receipt of the Letter from
Maj. Gen. Gadsden C.G.S. informing
me that Capt Hunt had been dispatched
with sixty thousand Dollars additional
funds to the Southern West to Capt C Bowen
for the Objects stated in my communication
to you on that subject. The prompt
mode of the Dept in complying with my
request will aid us greatly in carrying
into effect fully all plans connected
with the business of emigration

In my last letter on this plan
I apprized you of my intention to go
to the Choctaw nation to Meet - Wm Armstrong
I have done so and got back on last
evening - And will remain here until
the 25th for the purpose of procuring

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to Corps the Indians rapidly over the
Prairie — At that time I will push for
Washington to meet the Two Parties there
on the first of the month. when
they are to reach that Point (Sept 1st)
Indians — I left my brother on the
Ft. Thirty Miles this side of the agency
on his March with a Party of
twenty three hundred Indians
getting on well. All in good Spirits
and. Satisfied. Provisions are
to be made from ten to twelve pounds
per day — From my. trip. to little
Rock. I am back to the Cherokees
& again here it will be seven days
I hope prosper through with Treaties
three Tribes making this 11, matured
me to contract and arrange for
the Supplies. for. this upper Country. so
as to save much trouble to all
immediately concerned. I have seen
Sufficient already. in the Movement
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to afford great cause for congratulating
our selves upon what must result
should we be able to do so. call for
the Lord to come to the front - when
everything stands there as last day
of this month with history when
you will have from this
and it would become my duty
to express my views of what may
to respect - there are objections all will
do well - but simply before them
are to encounter the Christian with
our. holding up to us it is not possible
for human foresight to calculate
and what course such a people
with taken under such circumstances
All the boats were going down
from. claims nine suffering great
mortality. with the remains of the division
The Effingo 7. deaths to this place
The Constitution 2. The Freedom
Conducted here yesterday. five deaths
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and six more on board down
the Lady said to be dying

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one man dies in my place the way I am
on board a boat — no other can say I
a wife has hoped — all who have
been attached to him here in the Chicka-
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[redacted] to be [redacted] my
love — my — [redacted] Reputation
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The United States troops —
are not here (no quotation) [redacted]
depend on them.

[redacted] Nothing but the strictest
vigilance — firmness — & satisfactory
Argument to the Dept. of the duties we
are [redacted] engaged in —

I have the honor to
be with high respect &c

J. W. Armstrong

[redacted]

Envy 30 Choctaw

Wm Armstrong

Memphis 28th Oct. 32

The Indians are going on
well - Unless there are 2/50
Yeaks of the subject -
& Commentaries

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Rec'd 12 Nov. Memphis 28th Oct 1832.

Sir. I reached this place last night – the Indians are coming on with the first party upwards of 600 are within twenty five Miles of this place – and the rear party – about Thirty five Miles – in the 2700 Strong – until I arrive here – no Certain information about the Cholera was known – the reports that reached our Camps were very much exaggerated – and the Indians much alarmed – the original plan of transporting the Indians by Steam Boats – to the White river landing near where the Memphis Road to Little Rock crosses – will to some extent be abandoned – we intended taking all the Indians – leaving Gen. a sufficient number to drive the horses through the Swamp – by Steam – the plan now will be to take the horses and small waggons belonging to the Indians – with a few additional waggons and push direct through the Swamp – leaving the baggage and as many of the old and women & Children – to go on the boats as we can get – to Gaines and join us at the landing – if we can – but perhaps the river I just hope to avoid the Cholera – should it however appear amongst us – it will be impossible

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to foretell what the Consequences will be — of one thing the Dept may be assured — that altho I am not ordered to go beyond the River I will adhere to them — and do every thing in My power — Come what may — if life is spared

My brother goes in a few hours to visit Leavenworth & will bring on the Indians that have come to that place under charge of Mr Colyer Chief Comp — I will take this District on until we all meet —

The removal I feel assured they far will not my most sanguine expectations — and I hope such as the Department will be pleased with — I rec'd from the Dept a few days before I left the Agency letters & blanks upon the subject of a Commutation allowance — we were then assembling and I returned the information to Washington — having opposed it upon the grounds of speculation —

I know of no person that has emigrated (all others coming to my view) in this way except Peter Pitchlynn with his family — and the negroes of himself & Father amounting to about 45 negroes — and his own family — about ten in number — I would suggest that an allowance of ten dollars a head be given him (if any) the negroes were purchased lately, since the treaty — and those that emigrated last Winter through all the difficulties never ten dollars in their wide

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complaints and petitions the Dept for an addition of three dollars — therefore to avoid all difficulty I hope the ten dollars only will be allowed — with the exception

I return to day to the Indiana and with hurry. There on and over the Miss. ispippi = I hope some have been placed for Lieut Montgomery & Semonton — to pay of the Teamsters employed at Vicksburgh — if I recollect they each had Ten thousand dollars — which will be insufficient for Vicksburgh — we have a plenty here of Lieut Phillips is with us — and by direction of Capt Page $1000 and has forwarded by my brother some for Lieut Vanhorne — who I wrote to remain at Vicksburgh — when I left the Agency —

on my return and before we leave here I will write Again =

Respectfully.
Your Obt

Wm Armstrong Supt
Choct Removal

Genl Geo. Gibson Comr Genl Subs
Washington

Ens 31 Choctaw

F. W. Armstrong

Oct 12th 1832

Memphis —

Relative to commutation allowance. &c

Rec'd 12 Nov. Memphis

28. October 1832

Emigration of Indians
Office of Removal
Genl. Gibson
Sir

My brother is here and will write you fully on all subjects. I will be off in two hours to meet the Vicksburg parties. To be plain our prospect are gloomy owing to the breaking out of the Cholera. When will every thing goes on well & rapidly and with all the economy that could be expected.

This morning we have a case on one of our boats. She will be forthwith discharged and now we will push the Indians from this point through the Swamp. The baggage and the lame Indians & on boats for White River

I must here remark in answer to your letter on the subject of Commutation. Fortunately before your letter reached us all the Indians were under way. and but on family moving on their own account, our stand against it brought all in the thirteen dollars ought not to be allowed.

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to the few rich- when the poor last year were allowed
but ten dollars- excuse me for perfecting this
subject but it will make those who emigrated
last year discontented, and they be praising
you for the same sum given them that now
more- We have not yet acted under your
Orders because none offered, and those that
started know nothing of the allowance pro=
=posed- We will remain silent until we hear
from you again. Now that now more have
sold their reservations. and have bought Reserves
not owned in the nation at the time of the
Treaty- and are now to get thirteen dollars
per head when they get over

I have the honor
to be your obedient
Servant
J. W. Armstrong
A. [illegible]

Copy 3 to Choctaws

F. W Armstrong

Oct. 4th 1832

~~Washington~~

Little Rock

Enclosing a letter to Capt
J Brown giving him a
Complete account of the
plan of Removing the Indians.

Gen. Gibson

Com. Gen. Sub. Indians

Washington City

Rec. 29 Oct

Little Rock
4th October 1832

Genl. Gibson
Comg 4th Subsistence

Sir.

I have the honor of forwarding to your Department, a copy of my letter to Capt. Brown, setting forth fully, the reasons, that have induced me to adopt the routes named. In your instructions I am required to be explicit to Capt. Brown: I have therefore in this letter given him, my entire plan for the removal of the Indians, from the West bank, to their new Country.

A copy of my letter to Capt. Brown and a copy of my requisitions, and the advertisement, accompanying the same, I wish you to consider, as furnished in obedience to your order, requiring me to forward to your Department, my plan complete, for the removal of the Indians on the West side.

I have the honor to be
Your Obt. Servt.

F. W. Armstrong
S. Mr. Fr.

Note
The Letters to be enclosed &c &c
W.C.C

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(A Copy)

Little Rock 4th Oct. 1832

To Major A. L. Langham
Asst. Superintendent for the West
bank of the Mississippi

Sir.

My duties require that I should return to Memphis, for the purpose of preparing the Steam Transportation, necessary to pass the Indians, from the East to the West side of the Mississippi river. During my absence you will perform all the duties proper for the Superintendent. I have notified Capt. Brown that you will be in charge of the superintendence for the West.

I leave with this order, the instructions to me, from the Department, together with the printed regulations. You will advise the Commissary General of all such matters and make such reports, as are required by my instructions. And please advise me of the progress in procuring waggons.

You are in complete possession of my plans as laid down; and also know my views. I will try and be over with the first party of Indians

When you see Capt. Brown do you him determine, on the best mode of furnishing the supplies

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supplies that will be wanting at our landing on White River and take into view the two days rations that will be required to subsist each party to Mrs Black's where the contracts will commence

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
(Signed) F. N. Armstrong
U. S. M.

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(Copy) Little Rock 4th Oct 1832

Sir.

You are hereby appointed to aid in the removal of the Indians, from the West bank of the Mississippi to their new homes; under that provision of the Regulations; which allow persons to be employed at two dollars & fifty cents per day to include expenses.

You will forthwith report yourself to Major A Langham acting superintendent for the West of the Mississippi, in my absence. He will put you immediately on duty.

I have the honor to be
Your Obt Servt
(Signed) F. W. Armstrong
S. W. M.

W. P. Rayburn Esq:

Pleased report to John J Fulton Esq: acting principal Disbursing Agent Choctaw removal, at Little Rock, for duty.

A. L. Langham
Ag Sup:

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Little Rock

Oct. 4th 1832

To Major F Armstrong Sub Agt

Sir

I have recvd your letter dated Oct 4th appointing me to aid in the removal of the Indians from the West bank of the Mississippi to their new homes, the acceptance of which is respectfully acknowledged

Your Obt Servt

(Signed) W. P. Reyburn

Copies of Letters Enclosed to
Hon C.G.S. by Maj F.W. Armstrong
Asst Rep Choctaw Affrs. in relation
to his arrangements with Capt. Brown
Principal Disbursing Agt. on the subject
of Transportation & Subsistence
Oct. 1832

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Copy Rec'd 6th

Little Rock

Capt. Jacob Brown 3d. October 1832

Principal disbursing officer

West of the Mississippi river

Sir

I have received a communication from Mr. Armstrong, superintendent for the removal of the Indians on the east side of the Mississippi, dated 17th ult.; from which I am authorized to consider 8000 Indians as the number to base our calculations on, for operations on this side of the river.

First Party Roush a la tabbe 2500 certain, probably 3 000

Second Party Natchachi 3000 certain

Third Party Col. Seflore's 2500 certain probably 3.000

With respect to this last party my brother refers to me for the estimate, as being better acquainted in that district than himself. The uncertainty of Indian movements however induces me from motives of economy to the Government to calculate for 7000 positively. Should the number be more, the information can be forwarded from the East side, in time to meet the emergency. This course, I think better, than to have employed, a number of teams more than will be wanting, and have at the same time a larger supply of provisions than can be used.

Having

Having travelled through the Mississippi swamp, in the wettest as also in the dryest season; and aided by your reports on the subject, I have taken every pains in my power to inform myself, concerning the roads & leading from the various landings on this side the Mississippi. One fact is admitted by the most interested persons living on the routes, which is; that it does not require the Mississippi river to be high, to make the swamp entirely impassable for Waggons; a day of heavy rain will produce this result. It is therefore too uncertain to rest our operations on.

The post of Arkansas cannot be approached at a very low stage of water (as at present) by common sized Steam boats; and even if a landing of the Indians at that point, could be made, the distance to Mrs Black's would be 70 miles and the lower part of the road almost impassable in bad weather.

The Washitta rout, - from Vicksburgh down the Mississippi, up Red river and the Washitta to Cora Jabra; thence by land to their country, would in a proper stage of water give the longest water and the shortest land route. But the uncertainty of this route, at this season, together with the fact, that should we attempt it

it and ground, great suffering & difficulty would attach to Indians, under such circumstances.

From my own observation, the information of others and deliberation thereon, I am irresistably drawn to the conclusion, that the only certain landing on this side, that will justify any positive arrangement, will be, either Rockrow or Elk-bluff on the bank of White River. From the mouth of White river to Elk-bluffs (the highest landing) there is only two shallows; the lowest near the mouth of Big creek, which at the lowest stage of water has seven feet of water; the highest is near and a little below Rockrow, which has 5 feet of water. The river is free from snags and is admitted by every person, to be the best in the country, for navigation. In addition to the reasons given in favour of this landing, owing to the advantages of navigation, it must be borne in mind, that Rockrow is about 28 miles from Black's, and Elk bluff only 16. Here is a saving of land transportation of 47 miles by landing at Rockrow or 59 miles by landing at Elk bluffs, instead of the Post of Arkansas

In addition to the several reasons here given:- should any one of the parties be detained at the landing for a longer time than is necessary

to

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to muster the Indians and correct the Muster rolls, the landings here selected are peculiarly fortunate for the sobriety and easy government of the Indians, because there is neither Town or settlement near; consequently there will be no temptation for dissipation.

Supplies of any kind can be had at either of the landings named, upon as good terms or at any other place in the Country. There is a rich corn settlement above, at the mouth of Black River known by the name of Oil trough bottom, where at all times, this article can be had cheap. Beef can be procured with great facility and upon good terms, ($250) owing I presume to those persons living too distant from the Choctaw country to have the benefit of that market, where Beef is of course, in great demand.

Accompanying this communication you will receive my requisitions for the supplies, transportation &c. necessary to remove the Indians, from the landing on the West side of the Mississippi to their new country. I have been as particular as it was possible for me to be, in your absence. Could you have been present, your knowledge of the country, of the advantages and difficulties that attach to this business, would have been beneficial to the public interest; affording me, at the same time

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time, great apistance in coming to the conclu-
-sions proper for the successful termination of
the business, in which we are all engaged.

This communication will be handed to
Doctor Fulton, who is now in charge of the
duties of your office, together with the usual
requisitions upon you, in conformity with
special instructions, received from Genl Gibson
under date of the 20th July last.

Having now made all the preparatory
arrangements on this side, that it is necessary
for me personally to attend to, I will return
to this East side, to prepare Steam boats &c
for transporting the Indians from the East
bank of the Mississippi to the established
landing on the West side. In my absence
Maj Stephen S. Vaughan who is my apistant
as provided for in the printed regulations,
will act as superintendent for the west side;
and will, if necessary, make journies ---
on you, for transportation & supplies, upon
being informed by me after getting East,
should a greater number of Indians de-
-termine to migrate, than is here estimated
for.

Doctor Fulton will remain in your De-
-partment, until your arrival; after which
he

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he will report himself to Maj Langhorn.
In the mean time, to facilitate the fulfilling
of the requisitions made on you Major Langa-
-ham will perform in your office any duties
or transact any business, under the direction
of Doctor Fulton; And when after your arrival,
should the public interest in your opinion
require their aid, they will both obey such
orders, as you may give them for the purpose
of making all things ready as required by
me, for the reception of the Indians in the
manner stated.

After the most mature delibe-
-ration and calculation, I am of the
opinion that the 5th of November will be the
time for the arrival of the Indeans, at the
White river landing. You will please there-
-fore have the Waggons all at that point
by the 4th & 5th of the month, twenty
of them to be ready on the 5th to take up
the march; should a party of one thousand
get there in time. We calculate on orga-
-nizeing them into parties of one thousand,
for each conductor: — In this way, each
party can & will pass bridges & ferries
before the other gets up. This arrangement
will prevent a great loss of time.

I have the honor to be Yr. Obt. Servt.
(Signed) F. W. Armstrong Jr. S.T.M.

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Copy

Little Rock
6th Oct. 1832

Sir.

Contracting for waggons and teams to transport the baggage of Indians and such persons as the judgement of the conductor of the party may point out, as those whose circumstances require they should ride I shall request and require, that the Waggons and teams shall be capable of sustaining and hauling thirty hundred pounds, to be made up of 1500 lbs of stationary baggage and 1500 lbs of those who are too young or too infirm to travel on foot.

I designate this amount of freight, because more than 3000 lb may not be discreetly required of a Waggon & team, and the health & comfort of the Indians may require occasionally, that much. A wagon & team not able to take 3000 of such freight, I should not deem fit for this kind of service.

As Maj Armstrong has requested two additional teams for each party of 1000 Indians, to meet contingencies, and as the waggons & teams of this Territory are not supposed to be as good as those of an older and thicker settled country, you may

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may at your discretion limit the weight
to 2500 lbs; but if you assign but one Wagon &
team to fifty persons, I take the responsibility
of requesting that the wagon shall transport,
and the teams haul, at least 2500 lbs and that
they be required to do so in their bonds, if
that description of teams & waggons can be
procured, within the time they are wanted.

By instructions from the Superintendent
I am directed to request that the Teams
should not leave their homes, before the 25th
inst: for the reasons which he assigns and
which I have submitted to your perusal.

I am Respectfully
Yr. Obt. Servt.
A. L. Langham
Asst. S. W. Ch.

John T. Fulton Esq
Acts Pt. Disbursing Agent
Little Rock

Note - The reasons of Major Armstrong, alluded to
in the last paragraph are these: - Having instruc-
-ted Doct. Fulton & myself to reject the proposals
for contracts, if they were deemed high, and
evidenced a combination among the contractors
to make them so, and to address ourselves in that
event, to the business of furnishing the supplies
on public account, by the Officers. This would be
known by the 20th; from which time to the 26th

The

the officers might procure supplies, and the
waggons as they arrived successively from different
points and distances, could take supplies to the
places, where wanted for distribution.

The letter above to Dr. Fulton was dictated by
the form of the bond, between himself & the Team-
sters, which provided only for the ability of the
Wagon & team to haul 1500 lbs of baggage, leaving
to the discretion of the conductor of the Indians
the number and weight of the persons to be carried
I wished some amount to be specified, to include
the full ability of the wagon & team, and no more,
to prevent any difficulty between the Conductor &
waggoner. Doct. Fulton required my direction,
as acting Superintendent to change the form of
the bond, which was done by the foregoing letter.

A. V. Sanghan

Routes of the Choctaw
Indians from Rock Row
on White River, westward, to
Ft Smith & to Ft Towson &c

forwarded by Lt J. Fulton
Oct 1832

Route from Rocktow on the West bank of White River 7 Miles below the mouth of Cache river, to the Choctaw Agency near fort Smith Arkansas river

To Grue	14 Miles	1st days March			
" Mrs Blacks	14 "	2d	"	Dipsing Station No 1	
" Head of Prairie	10 "	3d	"		
" Ivones	10 "	4th	"	Dipsing Station	2
" Cross Roads	10 "	5th	"		
" Palarm bayeau	15 .	6th	"	Dipsing Station	3
" Military road	15 "	7th	"		
" Cadron Crossg ferry Plummers	7 "	8th	"	Dipsing Station	4
" Fletchers or Ellis'	12 "	9th	"		
" Cropping Fr Remove Ferry to Blunts	3 "	10th	"	Dipsing Station	5
" Sogans Gallach	12 .	11th	"		
" South side of Arkan= =sas river Crossg ferry	8 "	12th	"	Dipsing Station	6
" Shoal Creek	18 "	13th	"		
" Caney Creek	8 "	14th	"	Dipsing Station	7
" 6 Mile Creek	13 "	15th	"		
" Big Creek	12 "	16th		Dipsing Station	8
" Greggs	11	17th			
" Choctaw Country	"	18th			

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Requisitions for Rations, Wagons & Teams, forage &c. for the use of Troops to the Choctaw Agency, Near Fort Smith Arkansas

No. of Indians	No. of Days	No. of Rations	No. of Wagons and Teams	No. of Horses and Oxen of the Teams	Forage No. for	Indian Ponies Horses	Indian Ponies No. of
2500	3	7500	50	300	900	400	120
2500	2	5000	50	300	600	400	80
2500	2	5000	50	300	600	400	80
2500	2	5000	50	300	600	400	80
2500	2	5000	50	300	600	400	80
2500	2	5000	50	300	600	400	80
2500	2	5000	50	300	600	400	80
2500	2	5000	50	300	600	400	80
2500	2	5000	50	300	600	400	80

The Superintendent Maj. T. H. Armstrong directs that two Teams and Drivers be required for every Party of 1000 Indians to assist [illegible]

Little Rock Ark.
October 3rd 1832

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[illegible] 2500 Choctaw Indians, migrating from the west bank of white River.

to		
[illegible]	Places where to be issued	Remarks
[illegible]		
9	Rock Row or Old Bluffs	Rations to be assigned on 20th October
9	Rock Row to travel 2 days	It is ultimated that the agents of the
9	Mrs Blacks	Government will procure the supplies at
9	Cassins	the landing, and on the march five days
9	Palarm Bayou	as far as Mrs Blacks, where the roads
9	Plummers.	towards, Scott, Powers and Smiths diverge
9	Choctaw Agency to Remove	and the parties of Indians separate.
9	South side of Arkansas River	
0	Canny Creek	
9	Big Creek or some Water-	
	-ing place about 25 miles	
	West of Canny Creek.	

[illegible] and Transit (in addition to the above requisitions of 90 wagons for Casualty or Contingency, I have requisitioned accordingly.

(Signed) A. L. Langham Asst. S. W. M.

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Requisition for Rations. Wagons. & Teams. forage &c for the use of 4500 Ch
to Capt Sumner. R.a Rifles

Nr. of Indians	No. of Days	No. of Rations	No. of Wagons & Teams.	No. of Horses one Team of the Team	Nr. of forage	Indians Ponies	Forage for Ponies Horses Nr. of Gallons	Places &.
4500	3	13500	90	540	1620	700	2100	Port Gib
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	Port Hud
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	Miss. A
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	Natch
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	Vicksb
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	Jim M.
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	Wayne
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	Virgini
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	Red. R.
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	Pecan P.
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	Salina
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	Little
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	Arkan.
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	Arkan
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								miles a

The Superintendent Maje Jr. Wm Armstrong. directs that two Wagons & Te
ties requisd for every party of 1000 Indians. to proceed and return any C.

Little Rock. A.T.
October 3d 1832.

In use of 4500 Choctaw Indians migrating from the west bank of White River

Wagons for Each Division No of Gallons	Places where to be Joined	Remarks
2100	Pontoon or Elk Bluff	Places to be designated on the 20th Octo
1400	Pontoon to travel two days	It is estimated that the agents of the Govern
1400	Mrs Blacks.	ment will furnish the supplies at the Con
1400	North Side of Arkansas River crossing, and on the march two days as far	
1400	Illinois Creek	as Mrs Blacks. Where the Roads towards
1400	Gin Mills Creek	forts Towson and Smith diverge, and the
1400	Cayou de Lisle	parties of Indians separate.
1400	Skirmishto	
1400	Old Stone House	
1400	Col Johnstons	
1400	Saline Creek	
1400	Little River	
1400	McBeans Old Place	
1400	At some place of water between	
	McBeans & Fort Towson 20 or 25	
	miles distant	

I think Wagons & Teams [illegible] in addition to the above requisition of 90 Wagons & Teams
may require any Casualty or Contingency, they are requisite accordingly.

(Signed) A. L Langhand Act. Q. M. Gen

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Requisition
Rations, Wag
Steam Ferry
Boat Rose to Ft. Le
by Maj Langham for
Armstrong Capt. of Rem
Capt. L. Brown Pay
Disbursing Agent
Oct 1832

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Requisition for rations, wagons Teams, forage &c migrating from the west bank of White River to h

No. of Indians	No. of days	No. of Rations	No. of Wagons & Teams	No. of Horses & men of the Teams	Forage No. for	Indian pack Horses	Forage for pack Horses	Places
2500	3	7500	50	300	900	400	1200	Rock r.
2500	2	5000	50	300	600	400	800	Rock r.
2500	2	5000	50	300	600	400	800	Mts.
2500	2	5000	50	300	600	400	800	Erw
2500	2	5000	50	300	600	400	800	Pala
2500	2	5000	50	300	600	400	800	Plum
2500	2	5000	50	300	600	400	800	Plum
2500	2	5000	50	300	600	400	800	South.
2500	2	5000	50	300	600	400	800	Cane
2500	2	5000	50	300	600	400	800	Big : water st in Caney

(The Superintendent Majr. F. W. Armstrong directs that the above requisition of 90 wagons & teams) be req. meet & repair any casualty or contingency. F.

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ns, Iroaqp & for the use of 250 Choctaw Indians
to River to the Choctaw Agency near Ft. Smith Arkansas R

ain s	Iroaqp the pack Horses	Places where to be found	Remarks
0	1200	Rock row or Elk Bluffs	Place to be designated on 20th Oct.
0	800	Rock row to travel 2 days	It is estimated that the Agents
0	800	Mrs Black's	of the Government will procure
0	800	Erwin's	the supplies at the Landing &
0	800	Palarm Bayeau	on the march two days, as
0	800	Plummers	far as Mrs Blacks where
0	800	Blunts W of Ft Remove	the roads towards forts
0	800	South side of Arkansas river	Towson & Smith diverge
0	800	Caney creek	and the parties of Indians
0	800	Big creek or some watering place about 25 miles west of Caney creek	separate.

v directs that two wagons 4 teams (in addition to ams) be required for every party of 1000 Indians, to ingency. They are required accordingly

(Signed) R. C. Langham Asst. C. G. M.

Requisition for
provisions, Wagons
teams, forage &c
Rockrow to Ft Towson
by Maj Langham for Ft Wm
Armstrong, Dept of Revenue,
upon Capt L Brown Pmaster

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Requisition for rations, wagons & teams, forrage &c for t
from the west bank of White river to fort Towson, T.

No of Indians	No of days	No of Rations	No of Wagons & Teams	No of horses Oxen of the Teams	Forrage No for	Indian pack Horses	Forage for pack Horses No of Gallons	Places
4500	3	13500	90	540	1620	700	2100	Rocho
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	Rocho
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	140	Mrs C
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	North ba
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	Herric
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	Ten Mi
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	Bayeau
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	Higne
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	Old Fi
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	Edt
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	Salin
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	Little
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	M Car
4500	2	9000	90	540	1080	700	1400	At som
								between
								Towson 20.

The Superintendent Major F. W. Armstrong directs that th
requisition of 90 Wagons & teams) be required, for each pa
casualty or contingency. They are required accordingly

forrage &c for the use of 4500 Choctaw Indians, migrating
Fort Towson, Red River

ain h es	Forage for each Horse No. of Gallons	Places where to be issued	Remarks
0	2100	Rocherro or Elk bluff	Place to be designated on the 20th Oct.
0	1400	Rocherro, to travel two days	It is estimated that the agents of the
0	14[illegible]	Mrs Black's	Government, will procure the supplies
0	1400	North bank of Arkansas river	at the Landing and on the march
0	1400	Herricane creek	two days, as far as Mrs Black's,
0	1400	Ten Mile creek	where the roads towards forts Towson
0	1400	Bayeau de Siole	& Smith diverge & the parties of
0	1400	Highnights	Indians separate
0	1400	Old Still house	
0	1400	Edd Johnstons	
0	1400	Salinie creek	
0	1400	Kettle River	
0	1400	McCaurns old Place	
0	1400	At some place of water between McCaurns & fort Towson 20 or 25 Miles distant	

directs that two wagons & teams (in addition to the above ed, for each party of 1000 Indians to meet and repair any d accordingly

A. C. Langham Agt. S Mgm

Emig 37 Choctaws

Wm Armstrong

Nov. 3d 1832

Manifest

The Emigrants left Memphis
for White River & settled
for Arkansas &c

Rec'd 19 Nov. Memphis 5th Nov. 1832.

Sir

The first party of emigrating Choctaws left Yesterday — viz. 600 on board the Steamer Reindeer — and 460 — crossed directly over — and with Capt. on through the Mississippi Swamps — to this, where after landing where the party will again unite — Mr. Irwin is in Charge of the party — by water — and Lieut. Phillips — of those that go by land — this is the Red River party of which Folsom is the Chief —

The remaining party for Arkansas of which Musk-she-la-tubbe is the Chief — arrive early to day — and are nearly all across the river the Archimedy — has been of very great advantage as a ferry boat for which purpose she has been used — she is capable of carrying over three hundred horses at a time — indeed without her we should of been delayed — I take great pleasure in saying that Capt. Shirkle and his Crew have exerted themselves to expedite our crossing —

The Indians are greatly alarmed about the Cholera — and I find much difficulty in getting even the Women & Children with the old & infirm to take the Steam Boat — this party are more averse to it than the one just crossed — to Morrow Sunday start them both by land Water — and will divide the

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party between Capt Page – who will go by land to make
disbursements for expedition – and Col. Victor will go by
water the provision for the party by water is furnished
for four days. – I write hurry to White River land
ing – by land after the party shall have passed
through the forest twenty Miles – at which place
I hope to meet the two detachments from Vicksburgh –

I have been making a rough Calculation which will probably not be far wrong
and first that the party under Lt Gee – it is designed
will be placed at this place – for a sum not
exceeding four dollars & seventy five Cents –
Capt Page has made the principal disbursements
Lieut Phillips joined us after we were organized
and thirty Miles on the way – from which place
he commenced his disbursements – since which the
purchasing has been separate – and Commissaries
purchased for the front party by Capt Page
have been suspended by Lieut Phillips – so as to
keep the expenses of each party as separate as
possible – I hope the Dept will be satisfied that
the contracts were not entered into for rations corn &c.
I have every assurance that Lieut Lemonton Montgomery have succeeded in their district Capt Page
is an experienced officer and surely a more judi
cious selection could not of been made – we have
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paying and discharging the Teamsters—
I propose using the Indian Team[s] through to White River—by foraging them as we have the regular teams.—but not paying them— I have stated to them that no land transportation would be furnished them—that the Steam Boat was engaged to transport their baggage— and that all their Teams should have in. must be a little provision—

The disbursing officers have been busily engaged— and I presume will not have Settled their accounts. he proposes doing so when he joins at Rock. Row—

The Cholera has appeared in the boats from above and one or two Cases in boats that have been lying at the town wharf.— overlanding is two Miles below. and I have endeavoured to keep the Indians—at the landing together— Which I have effected— We are using every exertion to get Clear of the River— the first party are by this time in White River—

Respectfully
Your
Obt

Gen[l] George Gibson
Com[y] Gen[l] Subs[s]

Wm Armstrong Supt.
Choct Removal

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Rec'd Nov Memphis
21st Oct. 1892

Compilation of Indian
Affairs
Genl. G. Gibson
C. G. I.

Sir I have this moment landed
here from Little Rock Much dis-
appointed in one particular. The
party from Col Lyons district
in place of being 2500. Transfers
always calculating Only the hands
I find here 617. Sender Capt Crop
like says. He left this the much
heaviest at 2500 of the whole
present Indians intending to remain
until next year. This is owing
entirely to the entirely to the
Marriage system of this Leading

and a determination to learn
the best mode of their own Species
Calling in remaining I presume
that grows this Corner distant
although this is the first information
I've had from them since I
was at the Cove in September — there
could go 5000 in three parties
Thomaston — After putting us
to all the trouble and expence
of preparing Waggons &c on
the West side for them

I will send to Warren
to our White Man Candice for the
recharge about 30 of our Waggons
those for Hammer dont not
commence until the 5 next
Month — Capt Cadogan have
a list ready of 2000 will be to

his neighbourhood in two days

The cholera is actually in Our Camp: and all through the Country — at all the Landings and towns — even in the Rear of us

Therefore you be on your guard & ahead! for in this matter we can not stop — to look behind

It is among the Cholera hard to get boats — to engage — & harm enough of them — but may have to make a double trip for a Calcutta boat — The will soon change you with means

Now on a little up words appears Actually to be all that with Jealousy & all — The distrust hide out — a cast in the one — We know the fellows who works against us

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Emig 40 Choctaws

Wm. Armstrong

Nov. 10th 1832

The Indians have arrived at St. Francis

100 miles below Little Rock

St Francis Ark

11 Nov 1832

Emigration of Indians

Commissary Genl of Subsistence

Washington City

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Rec'd 24th Nov

Ft Smith Sebastian County Arkansas Ter.
at Strongs 42 Miles from Memphis
10th Nov 1832.

Sir.

The emigrating Choctaws have reached thus far through the Mississippi Swamp - the late incessant rains had made the Swamp almost impassible. - I endeavoured to persuade the Indians - more especially the Women & Children and such as had no horses to take passage in the boats and meet us at the White River Landing - they were averse to going on board the Steam Boats - and in these Cholera times I felt unwilling to coerce them - but left it to their own choice - I succeeding in persuading about one thousand - to go by water = we are now in fifty Miles of the White river Landing - this place where all the Indians are to meet = the front or Folsoms party is two days ahead of this - we finish crossing to night and in the Morning I wish hurry on to the Landing and make arrangements to have the first party - (Folsoms) organized with their waggons, Steamers - and under way before the arrivals of this party -

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I hope to meet my brother at White River from Vicksburgh. I understand from a traveller of respectability – that about Thirty Teamsters with their waggons, Teams have left the Landing in Consequence of Cholera reports and I fear we are to have a trying time in getting on. – if we escape here and the Cholera is at White River with the Vicksburgh party. I will endeavour to Keep this party seperate – we have however had Seven deaths since we left Memphis – which is in fact pronounced Cholera – I do not myself believe we have as yet a case – but that those that have died so suddenly was produced by severe exposure. The Swamp for thirty Miles in ag. from Memphis to White River

I understand that at Rock Roe the White river Landing – the proprietor of Steamboats will thereafter be furnished by Contract we are purchasing beef here at 2½ C. per pound and Corn at fifty Cents a bushel – I am very Clear in the opinion that a great saving would be effected by Capt Page & the disbursing officers continuing on and furnishing

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ay. they did on the east side of the river. the
Corn. Contract I learn is at 93. cents a bushel.
for. 140. or 150. teams it will cost. the government.
a large. sum —

I am. Acting here as. Asst.
To. Th Armstrong

Respectfully.
your obt.
Servt.

Wm Armstrong Asst.
On. the East Miss. Chs. Rivers.

Genl Geo. Gibson.
Comsy. Genl Subs.
Washington.

DIGITIZED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Ens 43 Chocktaw
F. Sp. Armstrong
Rockne 25th Nov. '32

Has discharged the Steamboat
& suspended Mr Colquhoun
&c.

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Recd 11 Decr Rock Riv. 21th Nov 1832.

Sir.

I have the honor of reporting to you. that we arrived here To day. from Vicksburgh. which place we left on the 12. & 13. Inst. bringing with us two parties of Indians Amounting in Number to 1799 — with 124 Men. and. Nine Horses. We sent. 124 Indians from. this. Through in Charge. of Mr. Campbell. to join us. again at Little Rock. The Men Mentioned above are. all. worked by. the Indians — on the March.

My. brother Wm. Gwynn has been here for. Several. days — awaiting our. arrival — having sent under. Day — all the Indians that had arrived up to this Time — We will leave this place. To Morrow. and. Take up the March. for. Red. River. to which place. these parties both. emigrate to.

The. Steam boats. engaged. in transporting the Indians are all. discharged. this day — allowing them to return to the Mississippi from. whence they started.

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The Steamer has brought from Vicksburgh to the mouth of this river two loads of Negroes — three horses & and discharged the same on board the Archemedes the being of light draft of water — these boats in the ferriage ~~of~~ and transportation of Negroes — horses & men have been of great service to us —

I hope our difficulties are nearly over and although we have suffered from the Cholera the Mortality in this party has not been great and I now Consider them as healthy — The expenses of this party have been considerably increased owing to the influence of Cholera upon the minds of every one we had to do with — in some cases the people refused to Come a near us — or to sell us any thing in particular — in ascending the river the Wood Gangs were abandoned and they had Cause of alarm — for several a boat landed without burying some person. Accompanying this — you will receive a short account of the suspension of Capt Colquhoun — from the service —

Respectfully your Obt
J. W. Shorkley

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Referred by Secy of War
to Com Gen 11 Dec

Rock Roc. Oct Nov 1862.

Genl Lewis Wash.

Secretary of War.

Sir I have the honor of referring you to my letter to Genl Gibson for progress in the removal of the negroes.

It now becomes my unpleasant duty to inform You that I have just Mr. Wm S. Colquhoun acting agent in the Canal removal — on shore at the mouth of White river — after first informing him that he was suspended for the present from his duties until the decision of the Department

It is due to Genl Thomas and all others concerned to state that Mr. Colquhoun has done all in his power to retard the progress

After I joined them at Vicksburg I he held such opinions in direct opposition to your instructions — and as I conceived the interest of the government — that I was forced in the premises

of. Capt Simonton. & Montgomery. to Check him in his threats
terms — and. to direct to inform him that an agent expres
sing. his. opinion. he did ought not L. to expect to
remain in Service. and. that he ought. to leave
from that. time he became troublesome &
much so. that I had determined. to. suspend him
at this place. and so. expressed myself to the Officers
along.

On reaching the Mouth of White river
we were detained a short time — the weather
extremely bad. Mr. Colquhoun. learned the treaty
blankets. were at the Mouth of White river — he prom
ised. on Chief Mitchachee. to — insist that the
blankets — that his. party would. be entitled to —
should. there be issued — thereby detaining — from
duty — and. the Cholera, then pressing hard. on us —
with difficulty. I succeeded. the Chief, that. at all
events. the blankets L. should. not be issued — until
they reached. their new. homes — a short time after
Mr. Colquhoun. came in. to. the Clerks. room on
board. the Steamship — where the Capt of the boat
and. myself were settling our business

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Mr. Colquhoun. demanded. that. the medicine should. remove their blankets— Charged me with being a tyrant & Devil — he so Astonished me that I informed him he might consider myself out of service - that he had. Nothing to do. with the blankets — and that he ought first to have. Come to me — before he Learned this Remedy of the medicine — by going to the Chiefs to make a Noise — he became outrageous. in favour of the poor medicine and by. do. ordered that I told him to get sober. before he. Came to me — on. this beginning he was evidently under. the influence of liquor. I. then sat down — and. began. to fold a letter to. Capt Shrewe — and. was directing it — not noticing — him nor any thing him he Meditated my. life — the first thing I heard. was the report of a pistol — I jumped up and he made at me with the Pistol. Clubbed — I. Knocked him over. and. took the pistol from him. him — and broke it over his head. — Struck the bricks. into his head and beat him until I thought I had Killed him following that. from the distance he fired — and the

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blood flowing freely. that he had given me a
Mortal wound.— as they as yet appear. I was
Mistaken the ball entered near the Middle
of the head and passed along the Skull
making two holes in the skin of the head. glanced
upon and lodged in the boards timber Shan-
rejected Capt Lowry of the Adelaide to give
all the particulars— who may present— on getting
his Statement I will forward it herewith — to you.

I consider the Attack of Mr Colquhoun as a
Cold Blooded Attempt to Murder.— and cannot
doubt for a moment that You Sir will— feel to
Sanction my Course.—

Respectfully Your
Obt Servt
J W Armstrong
S. A. [illegible]

Most Louis Esqr. &c.
Port Lincoln

P.S. since writing both the boats were hauled
up & are done under— supplies are pulling

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Emig. 46 Choctaws
Maj. T. W. Armstrong
Little Rock Dec. 5
1832

Has arrived opposite Little
Rock with 1800 Indians
Speaks of the troubles
especially from Cholera &c

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Little Rock Dec. 2nd 1832.

Genl Gibson C. G. S. Rec. 31 Dec

Sir

I have the honor to inform you, that I arrived on the bank of the Arkansas River, opposite this place, with the last party of Indians about 1800 in number on the 29th ult. I them divided the detachments into three parties. The first party known as the Knoneches, with the chief Tuticuche 600 strong conducted by Lieut Montgomery, crossed the river on the next day and reached their Camp five miles West of this place the day following Lt Bonneau passed his party 600 Stronches and reached the ground left in the morning by Lt Montgomery. The day after Lt Simonton with the remaining 600 of the Cherokee & Creek emigrants & Col Neal the leaders crossed the party and made the ground. This place is the first entirely clear of Indians. The party that passed the Mississippi swamp from Memphis, have been lowly handled with sickness, and many deaths. Capt Page with about 1300 hundred, and a train of

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thirty Waggons; with all the heavy luggage the
of that party, taken on board the boats at the
Memphis, and landed at Rock roe, one for
within six days March of Fort Smith. mal
Col Rector and Lt. Sutton are in the low
White River and Mississippi Swamps I co
getting out the last of their party thei
about 400 hundred, a number of them I la
sick, and some large parties of them The
have actually taken up camp for a not,
a Hunters hunt, we will however be arri
able to get all out in a few days, it has by
been two days since, I sent two Interpret thei
us, on to forcing them to force them from Gen
them ill chosen position. D.-
I know that many of the reports ers,
called for have been omitted— Com
The Quarterly Report will show all——and wil
one word for all no man but one acc
who was present can form any idea
of the difficulties that we have encoun
tered, owing to the Cholera and the
influence occasioned by its dreadful
effects. It is true we have been obliged
to keep every thing to ourselves and
to grow sick the idea of the disease
although death was known among
us— and the Road lined with

gg on the sick. The extra Waggons hired to haul
t at the sick, on a hard pinch to the 1000
on Fortunately they are a people, that will
with. walk to the last, or I do not know
the how we could get on.
ps I consider now our troubles over, all
— thing will go on well.
tem I have sent him Fort Smith to day.
tem The articles, arms, Blankets etc, that
— not pass here until a few days ago,
— owing, to the Waters being too Low,
us My object is to spare to the Indians every
ents thing they are entitled to. — before
from quit this side of the Rivers.
I have ordered all the disbursing Offi
cers, conducting parties, to close their ac
counts, when my brother Williams
and will examine and sign the abstracts
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Servant
F. W. Armstrong
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Commissary Gen'l of Subs. LR 1832 B ChocTaw

Encl. 21 Choctaw

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Little Rock, Ark.

Jan. 13 - 1882

Recommends that funds be deposited in New Orleans & rather than sent by private conveyance

July 8th.

Little Rock A.T.
Jany 12th 1832

Sir –

The great liability to delays in the transit of Funds, when forwarded by private conveyance, and the distress and torture I am now in in consequence of such failure induces me to suggest that for the future, Funds be deposited at New Orleans or in such Western Banks as may be convenient by such if I shall not the Bills in hand I shall the means at control, and it can never be said that I am destitute of Funds, this would destroy all grounds for insidious reports. the very Elements on which a certain few, in every community live upon – if a part of the remittance – which is now on the way some where had been so deposited and the advice there of received by due course of mail – a great deal of trouble would have been saved as well from the consequences things have taken a sound considerable to the Government – I wish to be understood that if I shall have the Means at control – whether I have the bills in hand or not I can get along and save the credit of the cause if it is true Ready Money is preferred and this I could most generally get

either by sending for a by availing myself of some spare time and go myself a transaction that can be managed with comparatively little injury

I have the honour to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J Brown Capt U.S.A
Asstt R.Q.M. of Ords

To
Brig Genl Geo. Gibson
Comy Genl of Subsistence
D. Washington City
D.C.

Emig - 25 Choctaw

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[illegible] 1831

Enclose estimate for the 1st qr of 1832.

The course the emigration has taken (instead of coming at the places before designated) has much increased the expence, and that without any previous intimation that such would be the case. The consequence is an overland journey of 350 miles and at mid winter &c.

Note The agents on the east of the Mississippi have been repeatedly directed to address the Supt on the west of their movements and to give timely notice as to the places of landing &c., for which see letter

Rec.d 28 Janry

Little Rock A. T.
Decr 20th 1831

Sir

Herewith I enclose an Estimate of Funds for the Service to meet Expenditures in the Removal and subsistence of Choctaws, from the East to the West of the Mississippi

This is prepared to meet certain Expenses for the 1st Qr of 1832 and I am solicitous that no delay is permitted in adding the deposits at New Orleans as a large proportion of it will be wanted by the time it can possibly be obtained

You will perceive in the Estimate that a large Expenditure is for Teams which I am compelled to hire in Order to accomplish the Objects of pres.t Movements as well as a very considerable increase of Expenditure Incidental, to the very singular turn and Course the Emigration has taken that is — instead of Crossing the Mississippi at the four Places pointed out at an Early Period Viz — Vicksburg Chicot Helena and Memphis and in about Equal quantities at each place the whole or the greater portion of them have been sent to the Post of Arkansas and that too without any previous Knowledge or Even intimation that such would be the case — The Consequence is an Inland journey of three Hundred [illegible] Fifty Miles

and at Mid Winter without being prepared for so long a Passage and in a Country where Land Transport is Exceedingly scarce having to send in some instances two hundred Miles for Teams and there not obtaining more than about one half the Number required; for what would have Moved One thousand Emigrants in October will not now Move More than Five Hundred— Their Extreme Poverty and Nakedness at this Rigorous season renders it necessary that the greater part of them Ride.

I have the Honour to be
Sir Your respectfully
Your Obt Servant

(Sr)

Brig Genl George Gibson
Comy Genl of Subsistence
Washington City
D.C.

Copy

H. Bowers Capt 1st U.S.A.
Asst R. & A. Genl

Capt. S. Brown's Estimate of funds Required in Removal and Subsistence of Indians in the 1st Quarter of 1832.

$35,000=

Estimate of Funds required for the Removal and Subsistence of Indians
at Little Rock A. T. in the Quarter Ending on the 31st of March 1832

For Pay Allowance to Superintendent @ 250 per day	$	225 00
" do do do for Assistants in do @ 125 per day		225 00
" do do do Three Special Agents @ 4 per day each		1080 00
" Pay to Waggon Master @ 50 per Month		165 00
" Pay to [illegible] Teamsters averaging 23 per Month		1035 00
" Tonnage for [illegible] Teams @ 150 per Day each		5550 00
" Subsistence of 40 Teamsters @ 50 each per day		2250 00
" Ferriages of the above Teams & Teamsters at three places		120 00
" Subsistence of 400 Choctaws at three stations for at least fifty		
" days from the time Landing in Arkansa to the Period when		
" they have Arrived at their New homes @ 7 each per day		16800 00
" Sundry Ferriages for the above		2000 00
" Tonnage for say 100 Choctaw Horses for 40 days at least		
" at 100 per day		4000 00
" Hire of 40 Teams Arrayed at Rate of 4 per day		
" for 60 days		9600 00
" Tonnage for the above Teams during the above time		
" at 150 each per day		5200 00
" Subsisting 40 Teamsters 60 days @ 50 each per day		1200 00
" Ferriages of the above Teams & Teamsters		500 00
" Transporting Provisions from Little Rock to		
" Washington in Hempstead County		1500 00
" Storage of Provisions at the Place & at Washington N.C.		300 00
" Building & Repairing Bridges Repairing any Boats		
" Making Causeways & otherwise Repairing Roads		1500 00
" Stationary & Public Postage & Office Rent		50 00
" Physicians to attend on the Emigrants & Medicines		200 00
" Interpreters		100 00
" Shoeing Horses & Oxen & Repairing Waggons & Harness		300 00
" Many Incidental Expenses on the Road		300 00
Total Amt of Estimate	$	55000 00

J. Brown Capt. & A. A.
Supt. Removal & Sub. of Indians

Emig 20 Choctaw

Capt J. T. Smith
Little Rock A.S.
Dec 6th 1831

St Ryan has recommenced his march. The roads are very bad. It will take him 35 days to arrive at the stopping places on the new country. Says that the concentrating the emigrants, without giving due notice has created great difficulties.

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Feby 8th

Little Rock A.T.
Decr 29th 1831

Sir

Your letters under date of the 21st and 24th of November and copies of letter to Lt Stephenson of 23d of November and Extract of Circular of the 19th of ~~August~~ last, are learned by the Course of Mail, and I am happy to hear that Funds are on the way and hope that they are near at hand for it is cash and cash only that Enables me, to obtain that assistance, which is indispensable to the success of our operations at this season of the Year - that is Teams and a heavy item it is too, but it cannot be otherwise - thus far I have succeeded and I have no apprehensions, of full and complete success, but with them short days it makes a busy time ~~Quartermaster~~ your

Lieut Ryan

~~commenced the march this Morning with his~~
party, for this ~~destination~~ destination 45 Teams in train and more left than four Animals and many sick - these are hired and gathered from all quarters, some come upwards of a hundred miles and the roads are horrid; horrid in the Extreme - I have large companies repairing the Roads and Making Bridges on the Route but notwithstanding all this the roads will still be horrid I calculate that it will take Ryan 35 days to arrive

at the stopping places of the emigrants in their new country

The public Waggons and Teams in charge of Capt Grant 48 in number with some hired left this for the Post of Arkansas this morning to bring on two of the Parties now lying at that place and I look for their return, here, about the 20th proximo; the other party at the Post - I have ordered to be in readiness and to occupy any craft that can be had; and then for this place so soon as the navigation will warrant their departure, there are my arrangements, I have done every thing that could be done; this concentrating the whole mass of emigration at one Point without hearing any previous intimation that such would be the case in assembling the band Journey nearly 200 miles, at Mid Winter and one of unusual severity; a thinly settled country with but few means of transportation and that in a scattered condition all combined, has loaded me with a duty, for some time past and will continue for some time, to come, that will prevent me from going into minute detail in my communications - I have the honour to be

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J Brown Capt 1st A
Asst Q M G Choctaw

Col Geo Gibson
Com Genl of Subsistence
Washington City
D. C.

Capt. D. Brown
Little Rock A. T.

Jany 4th 1832

One great impediment to the emigrants is the new road which must be trampled &c &c. The bridges nor the Capitol will be completed in time for use, and is not at the cut off of the Little Rock &c.

Ed

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Feby 8th.

Fitz

Little Rock A.T.
Jany 24th 1872

Since my Communication of the 29th ulto, I have frequent advices of the movements of my Troops. Those for the most under the Ryans, with the Immigrants are getting on very well, One great impediment, which has rendered this Road, worse than usual, is the recent heavy opening of a New Road, from this to Washington D.C. which not being Trampled, renders the passage of loaded Teams very difficult, particularly at this time as the frost is just out of the ground, which leaves the whole surface in a "Slosh & Mire" Condition. The old road is literally blockaded up, with fallen Timber, I have however ordered such parts of it cleared out, as may facilitate the movement of the Teams.

The Bridges on the two Cossatots, as the one at the cut off of Little River, will be completed in time for our use. I have recently ordered, One Mile of Causewaying over an impassible Slough near the cut off over

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The Teams that are on the way to the front have a hard time of it. The roads at this present time is indescribably bad, & I can several parties have passing the worst (Many County) I have had, since the mild weather has set in, yet many of my Teams have bogged & badly broken the load down are so heavy as they will be returning being compelled to send corn from this place, to fill the stands for the subsistence of the Emigrants, on their way to this place. I now calculate on seeing another party of from 12 to 14 hundred, at this place by the 20th Inst, The party that goes to Fort Smith must remain until a rise in the River, shall render it navigable for their removal, for another fleet of Teams sufficient to convey them cannot, now be obtained, should the River, remain remain stationary until the Teams now in employ return if they will be continued in conveying this party, to destination, which under any fair circumstances, shall reach their new country in season to prepare their lands for Spring planting, I have the honor to be very Respectfully your ob

Brig. Gen. Geo Gibson
Comy Gen of Subs
Washington D.C

Your ob
J Brown Capt USA
Asst C R.S. Ark

Emig 30 Choctaw

Capt Jacob Brown

Little Rock

January 19th 1832

Recpts letter of the 12 Dec. on the 15 about 1000 indians arrived at Little Rock, the residue of the party about 300 are on their way by land with between two & three hundred horses the wagons are on their way also. He has dispatched a Boat to the first to bring up the balance Lt Ryan was detained at Antoine creek by high waters. The greater part at Washington C. had sent back wagons to bring up the rear. About 400 emigrants arrived opposite point Chicot the emigrants suffered much being in the swamp during the cold weather Col Rector could not make out his accounts being in camp and on the march for Skamutiba

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Feby 25

Little Rock A.T.
Jany 19th 1832

Sir

Your letter of the 12th Dec last was received on the 12th Instant and the instructions therein contained will be complied with

On the morning of the 15th Instant about 1100 Emigrants under Col Wharton arrived from the Port of Arkansas as they were conveyed by Steam, the residue of this party — about 300 with between two and three hundred horses are on the way by land, the Waggons are also on the way thither in order to convey this party to the Wachita their destination. these Indians are in good health and Spirits and evince great anxiety to reach their New Country — if my Plans are not defeated by high Waters I shall Pass them in March by the 25th Instant, the Chief Mr Lustachee accompanies this Party.

As the River is now in a good Stage for navigation I have despatched the Steam Boat Yorkwith to the Post to bring up the balance of the Emigrants about Five Hundred in charge of Special agent Dr Walton this Party came by the way of Memphis and go to Fort Smith on the Arkansas I look for them here by the 23 or 24, and if I am favored with a continuance of Navigable Water I shall send them ahead to the End of the accomplishment of this Journey - Every thing goes Pr as well as

could be effected

My last address from St Wyan was on the 11th instant it was then at Antoine Creek, had been detained by high Waters at several places - the Party via Red River and Washita, and the quarter Master of them at Washington D.C. On the 11th had sent back some Waggons to bring up the rear this would detain them a few days

On the 29th ult about 400 Emigrants under Brevet Col Folsom arrived at the Mississippi opposite the Point Chicot, Capt Ball Special Agent at that place would immediately cross them and conduct them through the swamp to Fort Washington D.C. and thence to the Plaquemine he Ball informs me that this party has suffered much having been in the swamps East of the Mississippi during the whole of the cold Weather - On the whole then far we have had and shall have for some three months to come a busy time of it, but when all are zealous as is the case with those engaged in the business there is little ground to apprehend a failure and although we have had, and still have to contend with the Elements, and a season truly unfortunate Yet success is sure

Col Rectors duties in Camp and on the March has been such as to prevent him from arranging and making up his accts for the last Quarter and as his time is necessarily occupied in making Inspections to commence

the march for the Miamitia, he will not be able to forward them until he shall have accomplished the trip.

I forgot to say that I have not yet received any money

I have the Honour to be
Very Respectfully
Your Ob. Servant

J. J. Brown Capt. 1st A.
Asst. C. G. Subsist.

To
Brig. Genl. George Gibson
Comy. Genl of Subsistence
Washington City
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Comig 31 Choctaw

Capt Jacob Brown

Little Rock, AT

January 25th 1832

Says Doct P. F. Fulton is engaged in removing a party of Indians through the new country to the homes. Capt Brown requests if any more appointments be made it would be gratifying to have the Doctors appointment confirmed.

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Little Rock A.T.
Jany 25th 1862

The services of Doctor J. V. Sullivan, late Agent in the Removal & Sub. of Indians, has been very satisfactory. I have the best evidence of his exertions in the cause of Emigration. His Character as well as the principle men of the party he is now engaged in removing & conducting through the Country to their new home speaks of him in high terms and from the appearance of his party while near I am confident he is well calculated for the service. He is now engaged in. Also should any new appointments be made it would be very gratifying to the Doctor & his friends to have the appointment he now holds confirmed and placed on the same footing of the other special Agents, engaged in this service,

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
Your Ob. Svt
W. Brown Capt 1st U.S. Infty
Supt N. Ag. & Ind. Affairs

Hon Genl Geo Gibson
Comm Genl of Subs
Washington D.C.

Emig 33 Choctaw

Capt Jacob Brown
Little Rock
January 26th 1832

Says that all the emigrants via Pat
Arkansas have arrived at L. Rock exc of
Natuchas party arrived on the 22 from
post Arkansas and left on the 23 for
Fort Smith. The Letter belonging
to this party passed this on the 24th Instant

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Little Rock A.T.
January 26th 1832

I am Drove to inform you that all the Immigrants - viz - the Detachment of Choctaws, with their Chiefs, have passed this place - The Indians of Mississippi, Pitchlyn - about 400 Arrived on the 22d - they were conveyed by the Public Teams, and are now encamped with the Main body about three Miles from this. And so soon as the Teams can be refitted - the Horses, shod &c they will take their departure for their Hunting Grounds

The Steam Boat Reindeer Arrived on the Evening of the 22d from the Post of Arkansas with about 500 Immigrants - Mississippi Party, in Charge of Capt J. J. Fulton Special Agent. These People go to Fort Smith. And as the River was deemed Navigable for some distance above this (Possibly to the Fort) the Steam Boat with the Immigrants left this next Morning 23 for that Place or so far, as the Navigation will permit her to go. The Reindeer has a Flat in tow which in the Event of her being stopped - will be Unloaded and every Exertion made to get the Immigrants into their Country - Should the Steam Boat not meet with Obstructions she will be at the Fort on the 28th Inst - The Horses belonging to this Party, passed this on the 24th Inst

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I have the satisfaction to state that the Funds so long & so anxiously looked for. Were rec'd on the 20th Inst,

The weather has been Extreamly Cold for the last 48 hours - the Current is a very considerable pack in the River, so much so as to prevent Spear - the steam Boat from making her trips to Lake Smith,

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J. Brown Lt Col
Asst Q.M. Gen'l

Brigr. Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comg Dept of Indy,
Washington D. C.

Enrg 34 Choctaw

Capt J. Brown

Little Rock

February 9th 1832

Has commenced fencing about 80 acres of land for receiving the teams &c &c on their return from Nacogdoches and have the supplies Corn taken care of He will employ the Keel Boat on hand for transporting corn & forage for the Cattle from which can be procured at 50 cents per bushel.

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Rec'd March 5th

Little Rock A.T.
Feby 9th 1832

Sir

I have commenced Fencing in a Lot of about Eighty Acres three miles from this on the Road, the advantages of which will be to secure the Teams on their return to this place from the Missouri, where they will be Refitted for the ensuing Season Having to the dismantled and broken down Cars and Gears Repaired and Renewed and the whole Party in Readiness for subsequent Emigrating Movements, in the mean time they will be used to Gale the Several Posts with Provisions

By the time the Teams return say the Early part of April they will be another five months in Constant Employ through the worst of Seasons and on the worst of all possible Roads. the Animals will be much Broken down many wholly destroyed and all very Poor, the Waggons and Harness will require a great deal of Repairing all which if done well and Substantially done will take and delay and great Expence in Future Operations. the Land I am Fencing belongs to the U. States. A Detachment of the 7th Infty having Occupied it and having erected some Cabins renders the position valuable for this Service, as it will give Quarters for the Teamsters, Black Smith Waggon Repairers

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to and Storage In all the Utensils belonging to the Waggon train. Into Service &c I shall employ the Well Boats I have on hand to Transport Corn and Forage In the Horses and Oxen which can be procured, after the Pairs at Leasonable prices the Corn In the Ears will not Cost Over 50 cents per Bushel

I shall Erect Sheds In the Waggons which is Very Necessary In this Precipitation which Set in Ther

All Accounts of Movements of the Emig-rants, Inward to this New Country as far-ward as I can Ascertain, they have been favoured In Several Days, Past with Mild and Warm Weather In the Season. the Streams Howeve are high and an Right use by Frequent Rains the Roads From this to the Missisippi are Almost Continued Quagmire Owing to the great Number of Waggons that has Passed the Last Years Much Effected Greatly

I have the Honorable
Very Respectfully
Your Ob. Sert
J. F. Moore Capt Ms. A
Assist Q. M. Gen

Brig Genl Geo. Gibson
Comy Genl of Subs
Washington D. C.

Envig 3rd Choctaw

Gl. Brown

Little Rock

Feby 2d 1832

Sir I state that all the emigrating parties South & West of Little Rock Col Butler left this with about 1300 emigrants carrying 50 waggons on the 2d Inst. We are yesterday 2 o'clock we met Col Butler who came with me to all Stations on this route to Memphis some of the parties are sick & this is unhealthy. The Steam Boat Traveller does not proceed to destination until 80 miles of L Rock they will go up in a keel boat, part of the emigrants will go by land. Gen Arbuckle orders all the public teams to return to this place to make the next payment

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Pea. Bottom Little Rock Ark.
Feby 2d 1872

Since the 26th ulto, my last date in relation to the Movements of Emigrants, I have now to inform you that all the Choctaws of recent Emigration that have not already arrived at their new homes are on the Canadian River and all South & West of this. The party that left here on the 29th ult. Capt. Cantonment Reynolds must have arrived at their destination some days since though not officially informed of that event, also those that left Col. Tuckers Station the same time will have arrived as above, and I have no hesitancy in saying that all will reach their place of settlement before the first of March next.

Col. Pitchlynn left this with about 1,000 Emigrants - Emigrating 50 Wagons - on the 28th ult, and yesterday 200 more under Col. Pitchlynn who is empowered to conduct this party to their new homes all straggling on the route to the Nation, of these, many some are sick, among them is the Chief's Brother Nicholas & his family, their sufferings a part of his family & with all these together with the want of Wagons, to receive them which on the 28th induced me to detain the party by which the main body will have several days start and may as the water courses are now favorable make a difference of weeks in their arrival which to them is of great importance, to the government in regard to Expenses, of great importance also, &c

Yours

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The steam Boat Buccaneer did not reach her distination, of which I apprised Lieut. Gibson she was stated by the low stage of water about 80 miles above this, when the Emigrants were landed. But this the Emigrants having a large Boat along they will soon reach this distination. Asst Sgt Fulton informs me, that he has Engaged a good Crew, to Navigate the Boat and would reach Carlton yesterday. A considerable number of the mail route of the Emigrants, go by land to the Fort. Lieut with his own Clerk the Escort will be able to land at the Fort, the stock, the whole of his party safely at all

I have ordered all the public Teams & waggons to return to this place, after having discharged the Emigrants, their baggage at the Miramichi, the route they are now on. this I have deemed necessary for the purpose of making the necessary repairs to the Waggons & Harness, which will be considerable, as well as for the purpose of remitting the workmen home & sending up the Crippled Horses & Oxen & generally reorganizing the whole Establishment. these Teams have had a terrible season of employment the work among them is very considerable, & will be much increased before the accomplishment of their present journey.

I have, the honor to
your Most Obedient
& Humble Servt
Capt 5th Batt Depot

Brig Genl Geo Gibson
Comdg Forces
Washington D.C

Copy 38 Choctaw

Capt. Saml Browne

Little Rock July 25th 1832

Every thing in relation to emigration goes on well. Lt. Ryan arrived in the new Choctaw country and discharged his party at their location on the 23d of last month. Brevet Brigadier Gen. Arbuckle discharged their parties on the 30th & 31st of last & 1st of the present month. Doct Fulton arrived at Fort Smith with his party on the 18th & 20th inst. Col Walker's party has been delayed by high waters and will be at Memphis early next month. The parties that are emigrating on their own resources under the Choctaws, Generals Wilson & Robert are at Fort Washington. Gen. Coffee says it is useless to go more than one step at a time.

Contractors having fulfilled their contracts are pushing for money. I Suppose he feels the want of funds &c.

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Gov Rec. 30th Mo. Little Rock A.T.
July 25th 1832

Since the 9th Inst. the date of my last Communication Copy. Thing in relation to Emigrating Movements has gone on as well as could have been Anticipated.

Lieut Ryan Arrived in the New Choctaw Country & discharged his party at their locations on the 27th & 29th of last Month, Lieut. Hyde Commanded & Emmets, discharged their parties at their location, on the 30th & 31st of last & the 1st of present Month, Capt Fulton Arrived at Fort Smith with his party on the 19th & 20th Inst, and latest Accounts made it quite certain that, Ed Rector with his at the Yellowstone or early in the first of Sept Month, this party has had many delays, from high waters there has Scarcely been any, in fact the Country has literally been inundated ever since he left this place, & of late some very severe cold Weather accompanied by a drizzling Rain, which must have retarded his progress. The party that are Emigrating on their own resources, under the Folsoms. Jonesville & Robert. are now at Washington Ark. & will make their locations early next Month,

It is reported that 400 more have crossed the Mississippi at Memphis, recently. they Emigrate on their own means,

Hoping to find the want of Funds, Contractors

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for furnishing a Journal of the Roads, having fulfilled their
Engagements as pr[illegible]. for Money, it is now over 60.
days. since I forwarded an Estimate, The last Communication
received from you is dated the 29th Ult. last,
I have the honour to be
very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J. Trumbull Capt US A
Inspr Gen Ord Depart

Brigr Genl. Geo Gibson
Comdg Ord Department
Washington City

Emig 39 Choctaw

Capt J. Brown

Little Rock

March 8th 1832

Is present in the last Service

Urges the commencement of the present year emigration at an earlier period than the last say by the 1st of September. Believes that a large number will emigrate next fall from what he can learn a general rush will be made.

Suggests that enrolments for such as are to be removed at the expense of the Government do not exceed Eight thousand in addition to that number 2000 more will emigrate on Commutation

Gen. Rec. 15 April

Little Rock A. T.
March 4th 1864

The Experiment of the last season in relation to the Removal of the Colored race, urged the necessity of their being in readiness to commence the present year Emigrations at a much Earlier period than the last, say by the first of September, that the movement may be accomplished by the first of November, by which much unnecessary suffering will be avoided, as well as a very Great saving to the Government in the movement,

It is believed that a large emigration will be effected must fall, from those I have been a General rush, will be made for the New Country, perhaps a greater number, than can well be Conveyed, as well as subsisted, after they shall have arrived there within reasonable cost. I would therefore suggest, that Enrollments, for such as are to be removed at the Expense of Government, do not Exceed Eight Thousand, in addition to that number, there will no doubt Emigrate on their own Means, two thousand more, which will in my Opinion be as many as ought to pass into the country the present year,

That I do not hear from You is no doubt, owing to the failure of Mail Conveyance, in my last Letter, I mentioned that the latest communication received from You, Complained the 4th Dec last, which is above 70 days, and I could not upon that, the first auspicious Start, as well as the very unpleasant situation I was in for the want of Funds,

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very Respectfully
I have the honor to be
Your Obt Servt
J W Brownell Capt, U.S.A
Depot Q M Philadelphia.

Major Gen'l Geo Gibson
Comm'g Genl Subsistence
Washington D.C.

Ens 4 Chocktaw

Capt Brown

March 25th 1832

Little Rock. Claims for cutting, sawing, and repairing road, building and repairing bridges. Ferry Boats &c. have not yet come in, the expense thereof will amount from three to four dollars. Returns may be expected as soon as the roads can all presented and what ought to be done on the roads & the expense be fixed the next fall emigration arrives several men to be under examination

Yes Rec: 17 apve

Little Rock A T.
March 25 1832

3 / Claims for Cutting. Causewaying and otherwise repairing. Roads. as well as Building. & Repairing. Bridges. Ferry Boats. &c. have not as yet all come in. but sufficient information is received to fix the Expenditures incurred. at about Five Thousand. Dollars

Directed. Making. a report. of these claims to show at all the Counts are presented. as well as a report. of what ought to be done. on the different roads and the probable Expense. before the next fall. Application having. for this purpose. several routes are now. under Examination.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Ob Svt.
J Browne Capt. U.S.A
Disp. Rd. Agent

Brig Genl Jno Gibson
Comy Genl. of Subs.
Washington C. C

Emig 42 Choctaw

Capt S Burn
Little Rock
March 24th 1832

Recpt Letters of the 1st 11th 24th
ult. Has received the
amount notified under
date of 12th July. Learns
that his estimate for the
4th Qtr of 1831 forwarded
25th Oct last was overlooked
& has placed him short
of cash. Was informed that
Gl. Stephens had several
thousand dollars in New
Orleans. He has drawn on me
for 60 thousand this day
accepted so far as he can avail.

Remarks in relation to a
misapprehension of his want
of funds in not remitting the
25.000$ asked for in 4 quarter
1831. Requests the sum of 35 000
to be placed to his control as early
as practicable. The 35000
estimate unavoidably

Yes Rec.d 17 April. Little Rock Ark.s
March 26.th 1832.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Communication, dated the 1.st - 11.th & 15.th ult.o the latter covering Copies of letters to & from Saint Stephens

The remittance, noticed, under date of the 11.th Feby, has been received.

I fear that my Estimate for 25,000 dollars, made to meet disbursements in the 4.th Q.r of 1831. & forwarded 26.th October last has been forgotten / consequently has stood on short of Current Duty.

In Your Communication dated the 2.d of Nov.r 1831. after acknowledging the receipt of the above Estimate, and remarking on the subject of my having brought into it Joint Stephenson Contracts, You state that, Post Offices / the D.t had several Thousand Dollars, Standing to their credit, in New Orleans, which would be applicable to the payments of Obligations under his Contracts, and that D.t. D.t. has Drawn on me, for several Thousand Dollars, Say, 6 or 7. for furnishings under his Contracts, and which, so far as Those Drafts has been paid, I have been Embarrassed to Provide, for the want of Funds: - from the Circumstance of having Them been drawn for, I was induced

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Sir I am that the $35.000. remitted by Major Armstrong was the estimate with a flank of Ten Thousand Dollars, instead of which it appears to be accounted, with the $20,000. now under notice to be issued to my credit, at New Orleans, inasmuch as it is stated, in your letter dated the 11th inst, that this amount (the $20000.) with the $35,000. (on the hands of Majr. Armstrong. fills your estimate of $55.000- for the first Quarter,

Thus explained I believe it will readily be seen, that my Estimate for the 4th Quarter of 1831 has not been furnished me,

I had every reason to believe, that the $35,000 remitted by Major Armstrong. was intended for that Estimate, at least upon that basis. I have subsequent Estimates, & consequently had looked & confidently expected $55.000. instead of the $20000.

Thus situated, I must request the sum of $35.000. to be placed at my Control, as early as practicable, - ~~The $45.000 Estimate. extended~~ the 2d. inst, is to meet 2d. Qr. Transactions

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
your most obt
W Browne Capt USA
Depy Asst Adjt Genl

Brigr Genl Geo Gibson
Comdg Genl of Subs.
Washington C.C

Emig 42½ Choctaw

Wm. McK. Ball

Fort Towson 24th Dec 1832

Resigning his office of
Asst. agt. in Indian Terr.

Rec'd 6 Feby

Fort Towson Dec. 24th 1832

Sir,

Since the receipt of your communication of the 9th of July last circumstances have transpired which compel me to resign the situation of Assistant agent in the Choctaw Removal, conferred on me by that letter. It is my wish that my resignation should take effect on the last day of February A.D. 1833. Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter

I am with great respect
Your obt. & Humb. Svt.
Wm M. Ball
Asst. agt. Choc. Remvl.

To,
Brig. Gen. Geo. Gibson
Comd. Gen. of Subs.
Washington City

Essig — 4th Choctaw

Capt. J. Brown.

Little Rock A. T.

Mar: 16th 1832.

Encloses contracts with Bonds for delivery of corn at F. Smith & also Abstract.

Rec'd 23 March

Sirs

Little Rock A.T.
March 16th 1872

Herewith I have the honor to
enclose Contract with Brandy, entered
into for the delivery of Corn at Fort Smith
also Abstract of Bids with Notice for proposals
&c. &c.

I am Sirs very
Your obt Servt

J. Brown Capt &c a
Asst Q.M.

Brig Genl Rufus Ingalls
Chief Quartermaster
Washington D.C.

Comg 4th Choctaw

Wm. M.K Ball Agent &c.

Contgt Fowler

apl 1st 1832

transmits account current & Abstract of Disbursements & Vouchers to 1st Qr ending 31st March 1832

&c

Brig. Gen. Geo. Gibson

Comy Gen. of Subsistence

Washington City

14th May

Cantonment Towson
April 9th 1832

Sir,

I have the honor herewith to transmit my Account Current, and abstract of Disbursements together with the necessary Vouchers for the 1st quarter ending the 31st of March 1832.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt & Humb. Servt.
Wm M. H. Ball
agt in the Removal of Indians

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Brig: Gen: Geo. Gibson
Commis. Gen: of Subsistence
Washington City.

Emig 45. Choctaw

J. Brown Capt.

Little Rock A. Ter.

Apl. 20th 1832

Acknowledges receipt of Genl. Letter of 13th ult. approves of his & assoc: measures. will require aid of Doctr. Fulton & Mr. Ball — Several remarks on routes &c — from Point Chicot to Miamitia — the Old Cadron road — via route east of the Arkansas best for driving stock &c. Port of Arkansas unfavorable for concentration for or Several detachments —

May 29th.

Little Rock A.T.
May 20th 1832

Yours. Letter dated the 13th ulto has been received and it gives me great pleasure as well as that it relieves me of much anxiety of mind to learn that the duties confided to me in connexion with others have been satisfactorily performed; that the difficulties we have encountered are appreciated & that confidence is entertained of our continued zeal & devotedness, in the discharge of duties entrusted to us,

I find that I shall require the aid of all my assistants, for some time yet & perhaps shall not find it convenient to suspend the duties of any of them between this & the commencement of the fall: emigration that is of Capt Fulton & Mr. Ball. The latter gentleman I have sent to assist Lieut Hitchcock in his duties for the time being. The former is now engaged in finishing his duties for examination & settlement and as soon as they are arranged he will be employed as well as Lt. Porter in examining & conducting the surveying of Roads and other duties subservient to future operations - Lieut Ryan is now employed in that duty, that is the examination of the Road from this to Fort Smith.

The Route from Doniphan via. Cove John on the Arkansa, Washington & C. to the Miami's are recently been examined, I intend to have the Route on the East Bank Arkansas River; from the mouth. via the Post of Arkansa to its intersection with, with the Little Rock Road South examining as well as the Ha Cadron Road as called

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from its intersection with the Memphis Road about 40 miles
North of this, said Road, comes into the Road from Little Rock
to Fort Smith, about 40 miles West of this; by this Route 60
miles in distance will be saved as well as that it passes over a
high dry Country. I shall also examine a position for a landing
and depot on White River, near where the Memphis Road
crosses. The White River is at all times navigable for steam
Boats of large size as high up as the mouth of Cache which
enters the White River, near the crossing above referred to. From
where the Cut Off into the Arkansas is not Navigable which
is the case at ordinary low water, Boats can pass up White
River, this will shorten the land Route following the old Cadron
Road as above referred to Fort Smith, some Eighty Miles,
that is where Boats cannot get up to the mouth of Arkansas
and 60 miles, where the Navigation will not permit the
passage of Boats, higher up the Arkansas, from the want,
known the necessity of putting that Road the old
Cadron Road in a condition for use, besides it opens
another Resource for supplies

It is well to multiply the Routs, & increase
as far as practicable the principle settlements, through
the Territory, and although such may cost some
money. Yet we have the greater advantage of supplies
as well as that of producing greater competition, the
result of which in my opinion, will amply remunerate
the Government

The Route East of the Arkansas, from the mouth
of that River, as above referred to, is intended for the stock
that the Emigrants may bring with them, that is such as
go to the Cherokee Country. By which Arrangement Little Rock
is shortened the distance about sixty Miles. This Route is
not much settled, but has excellent Cane Ranges. For,

the Department of State,

The Post of Little Rock, for a Mail of Communication, is by no Means a formidable one, & will be used but seldom, formerly, supplies can be had abundantly there, or in its Neighbourhood, and at some Stages of Water are very difficult to obtain, & Wood has become dear,

Camden is a Resort, of the Merchants, & Indian Traders, as Much as can be ascertained that were fed by Government, on their way to the Western Choctaw Country, Instructions were Early Given to the Agents, not to Issue Corn to the Boats belonging to the Emigrants, after they should arrive in their New Country,

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt,

J. Brown Capt, US A
Asst Adjt Genl

(Brigr Genl Roger Jones
Comdg Genl of Army,
Washington D. C.

Enrg 46 Choctaw

J. Drew Capt.

Little Rock A. T.

Apl. 20th 18

Hy learned that 900 horses of Emigrant Choctaws passed on to New Country - 300 to Skamitia - 200 to Fort Smith - 400 via Coal Gabe to Red River Section of New Country. —

May 28th

Gibson.

Little Rock Ark.
April 20th 1832

The Members of Hostey belonging to Emigrant Choctaws, that passed from the Red to the New Country, during the last winter & were Forged by Government Accounts to amount Hundred or thereabouts,

500. of the above bound this Money, 300. of them went to the Arkansa, & 300. to Fort Smith, the balance 400. passed by the way of Cow Bayou on the Washita, to the Red River portion of the New Country, and they information in relation to their Number, is from hearsay for the Emigrating movements on that Route were made wholly independant of me

I have the honour to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt
J. Brown Capt. 4th Regt
Supt Choctaw Emigration

Brigr Genl Gratiot
Comg Genl of Dept.
Washington City

Emig 47 Choctaw

J. Brown Capt.

Little Rock A. T.

Apl. 23. 1832

States that agt Stuart of 7th Comm. commenced opening road from Fort Smith to Fort Towson - has written to him & sig Ox Wagons - keeps 4 with him - intends to send soon some of the Oxen & horses to the range - such as are unfit for service will be sold at Auction. —

May 28th

Little Rock A.T.
Apl 29th 1832

Capt Stuart, of the 7th Infy, with a detachment, of Men, has commenced opening a Road, from Fort Smith N. West thro - to Fort Towson and has made Requisition on me, for several Teames, to forward the prosecution of the Work, - My Teams are by no means in a Condition, to be Hazarded upon such duty, at this, so immediately, following the Hardships of the Winter, nor is the Construction of the Road, under my Superintendance, but Rather than the Work should fail, for the want of Teams - for it appears that, none other would furnish - I have ordered it forward, to him from Fort Smith with six Yoke Cattle & Wagon the way for that Place, in addition to those at this time, from other Teams of his Corps. on river. I have two fortune Keel Boat, engaged, in hauling the Forwarding Materials. Provs. &c belonging to the Emigrants, from Fort Smith to Towson,

CONSIGNED TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

In a few days I shall send the
balance of the Officers & Crew of the Vincennes, to
the Range for a Month or so, they are all
dreadfully Poor, and many of them Crippled
& quite Footsore. I shall select such
as may be deemed unserviceable, and dispose
of them at Auction,

I am the honor to be
very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt,

J. Brown Capt U.S.N.
Supt. N.A.L. Observatory

Brevt Lieut Geo Gillam
Comdg Expdn of Surveys
Washington D.C.

Encl 4 D. Choctaw
Capt. O. Brown
Little Rock A. T.
Apl 24th 1832

Relates to proposals of Citizens of Little Rock about to be made to Secy of War for contracts to remove Indians &c. Protests earnestly protests against receiving such proposals

May 28 1873

Gilt Rock A.T.
Oct. 24th 1872

It has been intimated to me, that propositions have been made probably to the Secretary of War, by Citizens of this Montana Territory, in the shape of Companies for Contracts to remove the Cheyenne Indians Emigrating Indians: At what rates or under what stipulations I know not but suppose that they fix the price at the lowest average Cost per head of last Winters Emigrants. Should Contracts be granted, and the price based upon such supposition it would be paying much more than it will cost to remove them in the Steamers already docked for in the first place the average cost of last Winter, in all probability will greatly exceed the cost of future Operations, besides if the Applicants have fixed on any data for price it must be imaginary. For although I have been frequently asked for information on that subject none by me has been given in fact it was their Application to be left to Any Assistants, together with some hints, indicating the Object of such Enquiries,

as well as some very apparent inadvertant Observations of some Gentlemen of the first standing in this State, that has led me to Conclude, that Propositions had or would be made, for the purpose above mentioned

If my surmises are Correct, it should be found, that Propositions have been made, or in future should be made, I would most Earnestly protest, against receiving such Proposals, or in any shape or manner, granting or adopting such a measure for the Removal of the Indians, for it is but too apparent that the sole object, is to Obtain Money, and such in the Execution would be the only governing principle, to the accomplishment of that object,

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt
Servt Wm Cathcart
late Capt 1st Regt

His Excl. Governor
Comg Fort Hawkins
Washington C. C

Emig 49. Choctaw

Capt. J. Brown

Little Rock A. T.

Apl. 26. 1832

Drafts Asst to 15,000$ drawn by L. Stephenson have been presented & is compelled to defer payment for want of funds — supposes that drafts from the Arkansitia, say 5,000$ are on their way — to which add $/spial com to ration, will require $25,000 wishes it may be placed under his control without delay — alludes to estimates of 20th Mar: & 21st Nov 1831. suffers greatly from want of Funds. ——

May 28
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Duplicate

Little Rock A. T.
Apl. 26. 1842

Capt. to the Amount. of $15.000 have within a few days been presented drawn by Lieut Stephenson, which for the want of Funds I am compelled to defer. but tender. promise of immediate payment, Nine Capts I am informed are on the way from the Missouria to West Arkansas, I do not know, but suppose some $5000. Add to which the additional $ sent of Genl to the Nation, not heretofore Estimated for, $5000. Making $25.000, which sum I wish Made at my Control, without delay.

Refer to this, the sums of my Estimates, of the 20th March, and the balance on Estimate, of the 21st Novr. 1841. as explained, by my Letter of the 24th March last, are on the way & near at hand.

It, is out of the Question, Language cannot Express, the horrible Condition we are in, in this Place, without Funds, and it has so happened that my Condition since I have been here, has been so much so, that I am Quite worn out,

Thanking you to be
very Respectfully, your ob
Servant Geo Gibson
Asst Commissary Genl

Brig Genl. Geo. Gibson.
Comy Gen Subs.
Washington D C

Recd. by Mr Secretary under Hawthorne May 21. 92.

Washington D. C. April 20th 1892

Dear Sir—

I have been advised to this place for the purpose of purchasing about 7000 bushels of corn from the Colyeus of this Co: for the Cabazon tribe of Indians; and I am sorry to say that I will not be able to make the others pay for same— I will have to apply to Riverside for the money— The contractors will have to look the County—

The County of Riverside should not be compelled under the charge of Col: Rector Rector have preferred all kinds of charges against him, and beg his removal from Office; and these charges have been forwarded to the Secretary of Interior. Col: Rector is one of the best and most efficient agents employed by the government in the Removal of Indians and I would be extremely sorry if he should be removed on the representations of a lot of rascally Indians— I have written to Maj. Armstrong on this subject, and I think that you and he can have matters and things settled at the War department

Armstrong is well acquainted with the fact that Rector has done his duty as an agent faithfully—

I have not the means of ascertaining
Whether what is going on against him, be
the will of your whole Legislature or not. I
Wm Livingston that he is not injured by both
charges - Thomas Wharton and it will be very
difficult to get a Jury - He is better qualified to many
a certain class of Indians, who have to be
removed, than any man I know - & many
his friends are in England -

I have thus endeavoured briefly to answer
the Views that the Life of Col. James Burney
& State authorised by - I have - his case is doubtful

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Wm Mc Gillivray

To the
Hon. A. H. Lowry
Washington

Encl. 51 Choctaw

Capt. J. Brown
Little Rock A. T.
May 2nd 1832.

Incloses Lieut. Rains Acct. Curr.
Abstracts of purchases, Expenditures &
Vouchers together with provision
Return abstracts &c for 1st Quarter
1832. In looking over them find some
Errors & discrepancies - has directed
him to furnish proper Returns
&c.

Encl 4

Yes

Little Rock. A.T.
May 2d. 1872

Herewith, I have the honor to enclose, List
Claims, Amounts. consisting of Acct Current, with
Abstracts, Of Vouchers, Disbursements, & Vouchers,
together with Requisition Returns, Abstracts &c,
for the 1st Qr. of Current Year,

In taking over the Amounts, I found in a
Limited Manner, & find, some Errors, & write
as discrepancy.

I have directed the R. to furnish a
Monthly Return, as well as Quarterly Returns
some instructions in relation to his future, Acct &
Returns,

I am the honor to be
very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
W Brown Collt Wpn
Supt Ft Smith Agency

Brig Gen. Edw. Gibson
Comg Genl. Subsy,
Washington D.C.

Ecomy 52. Choctaw
Capt. J. Brown
Little Rock A.T.
May 4th 1832

Gives a Statement of expenses incurred in opening & repairing roads, making & repairing Bridges &c the work was done under Special agreement — One of the Bridges has been swept off last March. with leave to report upon the condition of several routes under examination - wishes to know if the repairs made by him, are satisfactory -

Admr

Little Rock Ark.
May 4th 1832

Sir

On the other side is a Statement shewing the amounts as near as practicable, of labour as well as expenses, incurred in opening and repairing Road, building & repairing Bridges & Ferry Boats &c. all of which was found necessary in the execution of the accomplishment of the Emigrating Contracts of last winter.

Opening and repairing Road to a very considerable extent was performed by pioneers, which is not included in the Statement.

The work was generally done under Special agreements the time not permitting the call of Competition, & the whole has been examined & minutely inspected.

The Bridging is pronounced to be equal to any in the Country, substantially built, of good sound & lasting Timber well put together with substantial abutments and sufficiently elevated to admit the passage of the

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highest flood hitherto known and the
Bridges were Built and put in use One
of them, has in part been swept off. The
one over the Cut off of Little River this record
is March last by a very sudden, & unusually
high rise, bringing with it an immense quan-
=tity of Floating Timber, about one fourth of
the Bridge, the Centre is gone.

A portion of the causeways is
indifferently made, the time & the season &
the want of force, to accomplish compleat
the Execution in any manner to permit the
passage of Teams, a good deal of it was
laid under water from two to three feet deep

Several Courts are now under examina-
=tion with a View to a better knowledge of
their Condition, of the Roads a report of which will be made
so soon as the Examinations are completed
which will be in all this month,

I should be glad to hear from you on the

subject of repairing, I beg leave, to state that my proceedings therein are approved.

I have the honour to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
J. Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Supt. Roads Indians.

Br. Gen. Geo. Gibson
Com. Gen. of Sub.
Washington C.

Statement of Expences incurred in opening & repairing Roads, making Causeways Bridges, Ferry Boats &c. in the following manner

opening 13¾ miles of Road		$108.00
852 rods of Causeway		1567.00
910 feet of frame Bridges		2876.00
140 do log do		89.00
1 Ferry Boat		42.00
Repairing Bayou Ouachi & Lake Bayou Bridges		33.00
Digging Banks, & making Side cuts and otherwise repairing the ascents & descents of several large Bayous & Creeks.		135.00
		$4850.00

The above work is done on the route from Port of Stokes via Little Rock, Washington C.H. to the Red River section of the New Choctaw Country. The Bridges (those of frame) are over Mine Creek, the Big & Little Cossetoy below & the east off of Little River - The Causeways & log Bridges is mostly between Washington C.H. & the Mountain

Little Rock A.T.
May 4th 1832.

J. Brown
Capt U.S.A.

61 Choctaw

Lt. Col. G. Bomford

to } Referred 19th inst.

Major J. Garland

June 18th 1832.

Transmits Major Talcott's rect.
for 99 swords for Choctaws.

Rfund 19 June

Ordnance Office
Washington June 18. 1832

Majr J. Garland
U.S. Army
Washington

Sir

I transmit herewith, an account forwarded to this Office by Maj Talcott, being for ninety nine officers swords, with the expenses attending thereon, shipped from the U.S. Arsenal Watervliet, to the care of the Commissary General of Purchases at Philadelphia, for the use of the Choctaw Indians; in compliance with your request of the 5th ultimo.

It is requested that the amount ($1,162.50) may be transmitted to Majr G. Talcott at Watervliet. N.Y.

Respectfully Your
Obt Servt
G. Bomford
Col of Ordnance

Ensign 62 Choctaw

Gen. Bomford
Col. Ordnance

June 16th 1832

Transmits Major Bekes Receipt
for 10,000 lbs Rifle Powder
requests that same be sent to
him at Pittsburgh

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June 19th

Genl. G Gibson
Commy Genl of
Subsistence

Sir

Ordnance Office
Washington June 18. 1832

I transmit herewith, an account forwarded to this office by Majr Baker for 10,000 lbs rifle powder, with the expenses attending thereon, shipped from the U.S. Arsenal at Pittsburgh Pa for Fort Smith for the use of the Choctaw Indians; in compliance in part, with your request of the 5th ultimo.

It is requested that the amount ($2253.62) may be transmitted to Majr R.L. Baker at Pittsburgh Pa.

Respectfully Your
Obt Servt
G. Bomford
Col. of Ordnance

June 15- 1832

Genl Gibson

14 ½ Cming 63 Choctaw
Referred
Jno. H. Byrn
To
Sec. of War
Columbus 27th May
1832

Writes relative to the valuing
of cattle the Choctaw cattle

inclosure

Reply by day Mail
June 18
Agent

Calumet Mo 27th may 1832

Sir

Sir I am Little Chief 3 Instant
but I did not rec'd it untill after I had Left
home to attend the Sale or Valuation of the Chactaw
Cattle agreable to my notice I was told an
Indian that there was a part of the Indians
that wished to Give up their Cattle as they intended
moving Early in the Summer I Sold one
hundred and Eighty four head of Cattle before
my Letter reached me When I Left home
I instructed my Wife if any letter Should come
from Washington City to my address to for
ward it to me by the first Which she
did as Soon as my Letter reached me
I Stopped my Valuation but I did not
Stop the Sales So Soon as I fixed the
price the Indians Sold of all their Stock
at private Sale at four Dollars a head
my Valuation was three Dollars for Cows and
three Dollars and fifty cents for Cows Heifers
ones & Calves I Valued at Six Dollars they

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Sold for Six dollars and fifty cents a head
those I valued at three dollars and fifty cents
Sold at three Dollars thirteen & half cents
those I valued at three dollars Sold at two
dollars Eighty nine cents they did not
Give us any Beef cattle they Sold them
all at privates Sale I am of opinion
that they will Sell off all or nearly
all off there Stock at private Sale
they was only waiting to ascertain what
would be the prices allowed by the Government
and so soon as they ascertained that fact
they commenced selling as they was a great
many Buyers not less I think than five
or six hundred persons attended the Sales
those that wanted cattle went arround to
the places where I had appointed to sell
to by the cattle when they was collected
by the Indians as this is the only time they
can conveniently collect their cattle

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Capt Calgie has went with me so far as I went
Cal Ward sent his Son G. W. Ward with me heard the
Speaches of what was said the amt said was
one hundred and Eighty four head the amt said
at Private Sale by the Indians was about
two three hundred head and many
many more I passed them selling off as
fast as any person wanted Give them
four Dollars a head the Indians are making
their return and will be in readyness
to move Early in the Summer

With due respect I am your
Obedient Servant

John N. Byrn
Special agent for
Selling the Vale and
Selling the Chactaw cattle

N B I Branded all the
cattle I sold with the letter
a small circle to wit
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Cattle Given up by Benjamin James to Govern and Sold by John W. Byrnn to the highest bidder in the Old Choctaw Nation on 24th 25th 26th day of May 1832

	head	$	Cent	$	C
1st lot big and little	45	$3	50	137	50
2nd lot Do	68			238	00
3rd lot Do Do	25			87	50
head	138		$	483	00

4th lot twenty Cows & Calves Given up for the Same number the west of Mississippi

All my cattle that were sold to the highest bidder by John W Byrnn was bought by Col. Moses Lewis of Alabama

Emig 68. Choctaw

Capt J. Brown

Little Rock

June 20th 1832

Asking for Jack screws
& Horse and ox shoes

Rec'd 14 July

Little Rock, A.T.
June 20th 1852.

Sir

With the waggons that were sent to this place last Season there were but four Sack Screws, being one to every ten Waggons, this was an oversight no doubt inasmuch as the Sack Screw is a very necessary and in this country an article that could not well be dispensed with, every waggon ought to be furnished with one, having added by purchase four waggons making the number 44. I have to solicit authority to procure 40 more, or that they be procured and forwarded to this place. As these articles must come from Pittsburg, I write now to the above the propriety of sending 200 hoes and 600 Ozans Axes,

After the movements are commenced there will be but little time to make shoes, and it is now that we find a smith accustomed to make Ox shoes, many of the heavy Oxen last Winter became so tender footed, and so much crippled, as to render them useless for a portion of the season, it was impossible to get them shod, there being no one in the vicinity that understood such work, and am confident that had 4 or 5 hundred shoes been furnished last winter that as many Oxen would have been saved to Government.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
W Brown Capt 4th Inf
Supt R Hd Sprs

To/ Brigr Genl Geo. Gibson
Comy. Genl. of Subs
Washington D.C.

Emig 69. Choctaws

Capt Jno. Brown
Little Rock
June 24th 1832

Has sent $5000 to Lt. Stephenson to pay Emigrants who moved on their own resources &c.

The worn out public Horses have been sold

The Oxen kept for Transp &c

Rec'd 10 July
Jis

Little Rock. A.T.
June 24th 1832

Out of the funds recently received I have forwarded in Bills Five thousand Dollars to Genl. Stephenson, & Lieut. Dawson for the purpose of paying off some Emigrants that have passed into the new Country on their own resources, and subsequent to the parties heretofore reported, the number are about 200. In addition to and of this, to place them in funds for other purposes.

Yesterday the sale of such Horses as were deemed unsuitable to be continued in the Corps was made. Sixteen animals were sold and Brot. $500.25. These Horses were all more or less Crippled and Broken down in service. There are a number of the Corps Similarly Conditioned, but as they are in the Range and Thriving, and rather than dispose of them now, and in the Condition they are in, I have concluded that it would be more to the Interest of the Government to give them the advantage of the range for the season, make them Beef and dispose of them as such.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
J. Bonne Capt. U.S.A.
Supt Rifle Regt.

To
Brigt. Genl. Geo. Gibson.
Comy. Genl. of Subs
Washington. D.C.

Copy To Colonel
Whistler Forwarding
Subsistence Supplies
7 pork bread &c
Little Rock A.T.
July 3d 1832

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Rec'd July 23.
Jas

Little Rock A.T.
Sept 3d 1832

In relation to depots of flour, Bacon & Pork. I would observe, that I am not so much in favour of them as to call for any considerable quantity preparatory for present years Emigration, altho a large Emigration is contemplated the best change of Ration are that with which the great mass of the Cherokees would prefer is flour, fresh Beef & fresh Pork from Corn to Corn meal, the fact is they (the Indians) are not over fond of salt Pork, perhaps for a few days subsistence Pork or Bacon would be acceptable & so with flour, but of the latter they are not much accustomed to and they use it to a very little advantage, in fact it is mainly wasted & with regard to salt Pork or Bacon, they must fresh to cook with it. I have endeavored not to ask for any salt Pork or Bacon to be sent out this year. I have now 40 Barrels of Pork and about 10.000 lb Pounds of the old Bacon, much of the Bacon however is spoiled, the Pork is sound and will be fine to Cherokees. The flour of which I have about 60 Barrels is also more or less changed. this I am now getting manufactured into bread, by which means I shall be able to save it as well as provide for use a very acceptable article, there may be times when it will be found useful to issue a little Bacon & of this the Contracting Agent would always be apprized of the necessity, as well as the entirety of giving it. and for such let them depend upon the plan they are in to supply it. I should order a few thousand

pounds put up at Washington D.C. with regard to the Bread part for the use of Teamsters and occasionally to distribute to the Emigrants. I would suggest that 50 Barrels of flour and 200 Barrels of fine hard Bread or Biscuit be forwarded to this place, it will be cheaper as well as that a much better article will be obtained by ordering the hard Bread from Pittsburgh rather than send out flour to be manufactured at this place, in fact such can only be done in small quantities here,

Whenever and wherever the navigation will permit the Emigrants will be conveyed by Steam Boats, and when on Board of them, we are compelled to use Cured meats as well as flour, hence the Emigrants are fed upon such provisions as much if not more than they have a relish for, and perhaps full as much as is healthy for them to use,

I have received no communication nor no official information of what is going on East of the Mississippi since 1st December last and suppose the principles & feelings of Conciliation exist and are to be continued this as was pursued last year, that is, if I need information in this department of the Chickasaw I must seek it,

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt

J. Brown Capt U.S.A.
Supt. Western Indians

To Brig. Gen. Geo. Gibson
Comy. Gen. of Subs
Washington D.C

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Rec'd July 23

Little Rock A.T.
July 3rd 1832.

Sir

From the numerous complaints as well as solicitations of several very respectable citizens of the County of Miss. Stead & this Territory in relation to claims for the use of their wagons & Teams to transport Emigrating Electors & their baggage from Cache de Fabre to Memphis last winter & employed by Mr. Brashear & others Agents & Contractors with the movements of those emigrants by the Superintendents Each of the Mississippi & having obtained some information in relation thereto, I have deemed it proper to make a statement of the same, that Instructions may be given to those who have incurred the debts, if they have not already called for the means, - to have them settled & closed as Early as practicable, for remaining in the condition they now are in, great injury will result to our further operations in that section of the Territory. And of this, it is in that section of it, in which

* This is a mistake - Mr Brashear was not employed by the Agents & Contractors - the Agents & Contractors employed Mr Brashear & others to assist them in the removal of the Emigrants & Mr Brashear was employed by the Agents & Contractors. Capt. Wm Gordon

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much depends is involved.

The sum involved is large, & [illegible] from ten
the Abstract & the Copy of one of the Contr[illegible] these st
which I have sent in pursuance of [illegible]ising
which are herewith, it will be perceived [illegible] in ore
that enormous prices were engaged to be [illegible] this
paid, for the use of those Teams - and [illegible] will
only this, but the large number, that we [illegible] to
employed * to move the party, for to this [illegible] the
list may be added, upwards of forty [illegible]
wagons & Teams which belonged to the
Choctaws, together with the great number
of Cows, occupying Snow time, than the Teams
that were employed to convey the emigrating
from this place, to the second section of country
nearly twice the distance, and Miles, & more
than that in time calculating the detention
incident to crossing several large streams
on rafts, & otherwise, as the Washita, the
Cato, & Little Rivers, Each to be, at the
time the Emigrants from this place [illegible]
crossed them - whereas the party conveyed

* By Capt. Hitchcock's instructions to Capt. Bolding he was directed to employ [illegible] exceeding 25 Wagons [illegible] to the Creek Emigrants to Little Rock, [illegible] a number [illegible] and [illegible] the whole in the service [illegible]

from Cove Fabria by those Teams were beyond these streams, & consequently (No deduction on arising from that source could be anticipated to increase the number of days of employment. this is Comparative, & by a further review it will be found that the Teams employed to convey the Immigrants from this Place to the Mountain, the Trip, to average, costs say $150 each, while those from Cove Fabria to the same place, cost to average say $250 each Team.

No 1&2 files Documents are the Copies of Contracts which Lord has furnished Me as evidency of the claims & to me they exhibit a very Singular Transaction No 1. shows the authority under which the Teams were employed, the person deputed to transact the business & the prices & Stipulations, set forth, & from what I can learn & judge from paper No 2 such was not intended for the public eye, a private affair between Belding & the owners of Teams, the object of which cannot be mistaken, for by comparing

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the two Instruments, the great prices offered
for the Teams is at once developed. Before
engages the Teams, from the Government I agree
for on behalf of Government to pay $7.00
per day for their services, at the same time
he makes a private contract with the
owners of the Teams, to furnish them water
Corn, while under employ @ $2 per bushel
stipulating the quantity - they shall require
per day, hence for a Six Ox Team, he would
get $3 which at the most calculating the
average - min the Journey through it would
not cost over $1. per bushel, including all
charges, & a handsome profit at that, how
then we see, that $1.50 is pocketed per day
for a Six Ox Team, so in proportion to the
size of the Teams. For every Team employed
& as the employment will average about
40 days, the average profit for furnishing
the Teams, each being about $50. we shall
see the design of pocketing upwards of $2000
in this transaction, & to produce that result
may we not suppose, that this Money-

Lieut. was the Chief's choice and
was responsible and Rec'd
To save of the above Money

Capt. Williams, A.Q.M.

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making Schemes had its influence in de-
laying the movements of the emigrants
from Cove Fabius & the vicinity of Wash-
ington, when Corn could be had for 50 cts
the bushel - I doubt very much if agents
conducting the Emigrants had any know-
ledge of these inducing transactions at
the time the Treaty was negociated.*

It is necessary here to state that this
party of Emigrants were sent through this
Country, wholly independant of me, & to
show that such was not the result of ac-
cident I herewith accompany this com-
munication with Copies of several docu-
ments in evidence thereof, as well as that
the authors & Conductors of this Movement
may receive the Credit, I cancel the words
connected therewith.

Sixth Paragraph A letter from Col. Gaines
shows by Agency in causing Col Nicolet
Sept Agent to abandon & to take a different

*This is a charitable conclusion in favor of Gov. Cass and superintendent Clark, but it cannot be sustained by the facts. The Emigration was encouraged by the Treaty-makers in the hope that the Indians would be induced to sell their lands.

routes from that which had been assigned to him by the Superintendant General of the Mississippi, and by (Rector) agreeing thereto (it may be proper here to state that Rector was instructed to take Charge of & Conduct the Emigrants that should take the Lake Providence, & Red Fabius route to their new Country,) the letter also declares that the arrangements ~~made by him~~ made relieves him from any difficulty, either as to the procuring Transportation or Subsistence from the data received no further official information in relation to their movements until the 13th February 1832. Prior however to that date, on the 22nd of January having been informed that the Conductors of the Party were in great want of Funds, that they had declared to the people of whom they had Contracted debts that I was to furnish the funds to pay them & that they had clamoured ~~indiscriminately~~ in consequence of not receiving any - I wrote them on the subject, see paper marked F2 - and which was answered by forwarding

making schemes had its influence in de-
laying the movements of the emigrants
from Cove Fabrica & the vicinity of Wash-
ington, when Corn could be had for 50 Cents
the bushel - I doubt very much if agents
conducting the Emigrants had any suse-
picions of these insidious transactions at
the time the Teams were engaged.*

It is necessary here to state that this
party of Emigrants were sent through this
Country, wholly independent of me, & to
show that such was not the result of ac-
cident I herewith accompany this com-
munication with Copies of several docu-
ments in evidence thereof, as well as that
the authors & conductors of this movement
may receive the Credit, & censure the results
connected therewith.

Papers marked A, letter from Col. Gaines
shows his Agency in causing Col Thedford
& Agents to abandon & to take a different

* This is a charitable construction of the conduct of Col Gaines & the Agents employed by him to conduct the Emigrants to Oregon. But if Gaines was not in collusion with the Hudson Bay Co. why did he not send the Emigrants to the Willamette instead of the Columbia?

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Capt J. Brown
Little Rock
July 19th 1832

Capt. J. Brown
Little Rock
July 19th 1832

Sends statement of payments & advances made to Lt. Stephenson since last qr.

x

Gen. Rec'd Sept

Little Rock A.T.
July 19th 1832

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication dated the 21st ultc. and herewith have a statement of all payments & Advances made to D. Stephenson. since the close of last Quarters accounts, it barely gives the simple sums. and dates. as it would be impracticable to do more before the close of the mail leaving but a few minutes between the receipt and the dispatch thereof.

My 3d Quarters accounts will be forwarded by Next Mail. when the Receipts and Vouchers will be at hand.

Very Respectfully
I have the honour to be
Your obt Servt
J Brown Capt. as't
late Pay Master

Statement filed

P.S. Should you apply, come to hand. prior to getting: My 3d Qrs. Accts will accompany duly a Memorandum. thereof
J. Brown

Genl Geo Gibson
Comy Genl of Subs
Washington D.C.

Emig 82 Choctaws

Capt. Brown

Little Rock

July 20th 1832

Dissuading from establishing any one Route for the Emigrants. And from Landing at Helena &c

From Capt. Taylor
Quarter Master Memphis

Capt. S. B. Brown Asst. Qr. Mr.
Little Rock
Ark.

Gen. Gaines
Mem. Emigrants
Memphis

Rec'd 20 Aug

Little Rock A. T.
July 2d 1832.

Sir

In your communication dated the 18th ultimo it is intimated that Helena will most probably be established as the principal crossing & landing for the Choctaws Emigrating to the new Country West of the Mississippi and that the Fort Smith route, will be the main route recommended the Emigrants into to be conveyed to this new Country. That they will be taken from Memphis & Elsewhere by Steam Boats & landed at that place &c.

If economy of time or money, is consulted Helena will not be used for the object above intimated. This applies to all those Emigrants that are to be conducted through the Country at the expense of Government; For such as go on their own resources, under the commutation Grant provided there was a path eastward to the old Choctaw Country, would be an excellent route particularly for all those that come from the Northern and a portion of the Middle districts I have taken much pains to inform myself in relation to the Roads, & the proper routes to be used, & were it left to me, I certainly should never have a party of Emigrants at Helena

to be conveyed from thence by Land, to any
parts of the new Country. I who was dose do so.
will most assuredly protract this arrival
at place of destination some Seven or Eight
days, should they happen to arrive at the
Crossing of white Run when the waters is high
the number of days above noted Might be
added by way of detention in Crossing, Besides
the expenses incident to Forraging Fare, ne=
=cessary on Land Route of Sixty Miles Through
a thinly settled Country, at one place, the dis=
=tance of 30, and another of 20 Miles without
a House or an Improved Road as
matter of Course with Several Bayous and
Creeks (One a ferry) to Cross at all times bad
fording, often Swimming, Besides some Cy=
=press, & a good deal of what is called
Boat flats always covered with water
and which a few heavily loaded Teams
Converts into an impassable Bog, on all
the routes by Land, which we are compelled
to use, we have enough of this above discription
of Road, let us then not add this 60 Miles
of disagreable Road, this 8 days of unnecessary
expense and delay, as well as the destruction
of Teams, incident thereto: to say nothing of
the additional expenses, that must accompany

be incurred. Left to myself with a party of Emigrants Embarked in Steam Boats at Memphis, or any other point on the Mississippi, nothing short of an alternative could induce me to land at Helena if any information is correct in relation to White River, from its Junction with the Mississippi to the mouth of the Rockroe 125. Miles up, the necessity of landing them, would never occur. My communications dated the 20th of April 24th May. & 28th June last, the latter being a report of a reconnaissance by Capt. Cross of Examinations of several Roads of the Territory will I believe explain satisfactorily the above Statement.

It would in my opinion be bad policy to establish any one route to be used exclusively for the Emigration and why? because there is no one route through the Territory, that can supply a large Emigration with Corn & again were it known that such were determined on, the route designated as the Corn would be obtained for any thing like a fair price. I will not undertake to say at what price but from my knowledge of the people of this Section of the Country, I should as often expect to pay two dollars & one, per Bushel as under that price.

I have the honor to be

Enrg 83 Choctaws

Capt. J. Bevans
Little Rock
July 25 1832

Speaks of the probable
resignation of Lt. McBall
and advises that vacancies
be filled by Officers of
the Army.

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Rec. 20 Augt

Little Rock A.T.
July 25th 1832

Sir

Since the depature of Lieut. Ryan & the vacancy occasioned thereby in this district, Mr Mc Ball one of the sub-Agents appointed last fall has been appointed to a place in one of the new land offices made in this Territory the power and discretion of Congress. whether Mr Ball will accept this appointment or not I cannot now say and it will be some time before I shall hear as Mr Ball is now in the New Choctaw Country assisting Lieut Stephenson, it is the opinion of his friends, that he will accept and of this I probably shall be advised in time to make the necessary Engagements to meet future operations.

The vacancy of Lt Ryan will I hope be filled by detail from the Army, in fact it would be very acceptable to me if more Officers from the Army could be employed in this business.

Since the vacancies above refered to have occurred & supposed to have occasioned several applications to fill them have been made and which I have declined for the present to appoint from the hope that they will be filled by Detail from the Army, have a wish to have from you on the subject, and the reasons I have assigned to the friends of applicants for not holding out many Encouragements is that of hearing from you as above refered, but as some of them have stated that they should apply to you

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and which doubtless they will do, immediately as they have called for these applications. I have deemed it proper so to apprize you. and to say that whatever may be the result, the Union shall not suffer for the want of proper Assistance.

I have the honour to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

J. Brown Lieut. U.S.A.
Asst R.M.G. Florida

Genl. Geo. Gibson.
Comdy. Genl. of Subs
Washington D.C.

Emig 84 Choctaw

Capt J Brown

Little Rock,

Augt 2d 1832

Covering Abstracts of bids
for supply beef to Choctaws

Sir Rec'd 27 Aug't

Little Rock A.T.
August 2d 1832

Herewith is forwarded Abstract of Bids received for supplying Beef at various Depots, in the Choctaw Country, under notice for Proposals.

I have the honour to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

J. Brown Capt 4th A.
Supt R.M. &c &c

Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comsy Genl of Subs
Washington City

Abstract of Bids
to supply
Fresh Beef
to the
Emigrant Choctaws

Rec'd 27 Aug.

Lbs Cwt.	Cents	Price Per lbs Brits	Reference	Remarks
			Thomas P. Bethridge	
			Benjy Wilson	
		5	Robert Cottenden	
		5	Ditto	
		5	Ditto	
		5	Ditto	
	24		Swage Smithfield	
	11		Ditto	
	98		Col Ashley & Cunningham	
	65		Col Ashley & W & Woodruff	
	73		Ditto Ditto	
	60		Ditto Ditto	
	75		Ditto Ditto	
	57		Ditto Ditto	
	24			Accepted
	87½			do
	96			
	73½			
	50			
	90			

Abstract of Bids Received and

Date 1832	No.	Bidders Names	Residence	
August 11th	1	Richard Searcy		
12 Oclock	"	John Ruddell		
M.	"	Noadiah Marsh	Batesville	
"	"	Ditto	"	
"	"	Ditto	"	
"	"	Ditto	"	
"	2	H. Coffee Jr. and		
"	"	Robert Sinclair	Fort	
"	"	Ditto	"	
"	3	John Bellinger	Pope County	
"	4	Wheeler & Washington	Lit	
"	5	Ditto	"	
"	6	Ditto	"	
"	7	Ditto	"	
"	8	Ditto	"	
"	9	Lorenzo N. Blank, Jr.		
"	"	Ditto	"	
"	10	Byrd & Howard		
"	11	David Fish		
"	12	Lorenzo N. Blank	"	"
"	13	John Henry and		
"	"	Samuel B Marshall	"	"

BEEF.

...sals, in writing, and seal-
...ed by the subscriber, until
...day of August next, at 12
...ishing and delivering
...HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR
...HUNDRED POUNDS OF
...BEEF.
...Nation West of the Territory
...ner follows:
...to be delivered at the depot
...ort Towson, Red river;
...to be delivered at the depot
...e Prairie, 20 miles west from
...wson;
...to be delivered at the depot
...Mountain Fork of Little
...40 miles north-east from
...son;
...be delivered at the depot
...Miller C. H., 40 miles
...from Fort Towson; and
...be delivered at the depot
...uth from Fort Smith, no
...as river.
The delivery of ... at the several depots
above named, must ... on the first day
of October next, and ... must be continued from
time to time, and in ... quantities as shall be re-
quired, until the whole ... delivered, which will
be called for on or be... the first day of March
next (1833.)
The Beef offered must be of good quality,
and must be delivered, slaughtered, and in quar-
ters, or on the hoof, ... will be required; the
hides and sough'tallow ... Breves slaughter-
ed to be the property of ... contractor.
Good and sufficient ... will be required
for the faithful fulfilment ... contracts; and per-
sons making bids, not ... to the subscriber,
will give respectable refe... as to their ca-
pacities to furnish. The ... dge of rejecting
bids deemed high, is reser...
Bidders will please to ... their commu-
nications—"Proposals to ... Beef." They
are also requested to attend ... place, on the
6d day of August next, for ... purpose of clos-
ing contracts.

J. BROWN,
Sup't, &c.
U. S. A.
Little Rock, A. T.
May ... 1832.
Indians.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Emig & Choctaw

Capt J. Brown

Little Rock aug 2d 1832

Sends Contracts for beef for the Choctaws at sundry depots.

Gin Rec'd 27 Aug

Little Rock. Ark.
August 2d 1832

Herewith I have the honour to transmit Contracts with Bonds this day Entered into for the supply of Beef to the Emigrant Chickasaws. at the Depots. of Fort Towson Old Miller. Court House. Mountain Fork. Settlement. House Prairie & New Fork Smiths.

These Contracts are intended to close the years supply to Emigrants, now in the new Country.

The Competition was large (several Biddings from Missouri) and their offers varying but little which is good Evidence that the Beef is furnished as reasonable as the Resources of the Country. will admit of.

I have the honour to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

J Brown Capt 4th Inf
Dept R C S Ind Affs

Genl. Geo. Gibson.
Comy Genl. of Subs.
Washington City

No 89 Enclosed

Capt. J. Brown

Little Rock

Augt 15th 1832

Sends Account of Dr. Christian for professional services to Ind. Emigrant also a claim of Ind: for Commutation allowance

No 13 Rec'd 3 Oct

Little Rock A.T.
August 15th 1832

I have herewith for sanction account of Actor Christian for Amputating Arm & attendance on an Emigrant Chactaw - also a claim for the commutation allow-ance of $10. for one victor & family or party, of the Chactaws, who it appears passed to their new country. in April 1831. prior to the commu-tation allowance having been established. all the evidence, connected with their re-moval is endorsed, on the list, and I desire to be informed, whether fragment as clai-med can be made under the evidence herewith.

I have the honor to be very respectfully Your ob Sert

J Brown Capt 4th R
Asst P M G Pond

Genl Geo. Gibson
Comsy Genl of Subs.
Washington
D. C

Emig 90 Choctaw

Capt. J. Brown

Little Rock Aug. 1st

10th 1832

Sends Acct. & Relations

of Lt. Ramsey Agt. for

2d Qr. 1832.

Rec'd 3 Sept

Little Rock. A. T.
August 10th 1852

Sir

Herewith I have the honour to Enclose the Accounts and Returns of Genl G. S. Rains. Agent in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, at Port Smith. for the 3d Quarter of Current year, and

I have the honour to be

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

P. Brooks Capt. 1st A.
Supt Ch. & Chs Nations

Genl. Geo. Gibson.
Comsy. Genl of Subs
Washington.
D. C.

Ens.y 92 Chickasaw

Capt. J. Bonnel

Little Rock Aug.t

16.th 1832

Sends Mr. Ballisants

for 2.d qr. 1832.

Gis Rec. 10 Oct

Little Rock A.T.
August 16th 1832

I cover herewith Mc Bells. accounts for the 2d Quarter of Current year. These accounts were at an early Period after the close of the Quarter for which they are due. Covered to me for Examination and were returned to him. for some Corrections. which is the cause of their not reaching your Office at an earlier Period.

Mc Bell has Charged for a Saddle Bridle &c. which I heretofore objected to. as well as for Forage and for Horse Shoeing but as these accounts are now accompanied. with sundry Abstracts taken from instructions made to Lieut Stephenson. and as the same are introduced with much Confidence. in support of their Claims. I forward them without remark. accompanied by Copy of his Communication in relation thereto.

I have the honour to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

J. Bonneville Capt 1st Dr.
Asst Q.M.G. Dept.

To
Genl. Geo. Gibson,
Comy. Genl of Subs.
Washington D.C.

Comm 93 Senate

H. Baldridge

Ft Towson Aug 12 1832

Declining appointment

Little River Lick & D. Pub. Corner

Augt 17

25

Emigration of Indians.

Office of Comm Gen. of Subst.

Washington

D.C

Rec'd 10th Sept.

Fort Towson.

August 12th 1832.

Sir,

My application of last fall for the situation now offered me per your letter of the 10th Ult. which I received yesterday, was made under the most positive belief of the return of Brevt. Major Green to the command of his Company. Major Kearney having been recently designated as Superintendant of the Recruiting Service at New-York, assigns Brevt Major Green to the duties of Major of the 3d Reg.t: which situation Maj. G. will no doubt hold for two years at least— My continuance in the command of Brevt Major Greens Company will be for the same period.

There, in addition to a few other considerations, are the motives which now induce me to decline the acceptance of the appointment you have had the goodness to tender me.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Very respectfully
Your Ob.t Sv.t

To
Gen.l Gen. Gibson
A. I. Genl.
Comy. Gen.l

H. Bainbridge
1st Lt 3d Inf.y

(Turn over)

Envy 94 Choctaw

Capt J. Brown

Little Rock

Augt 22d 1832

Have rec'd notice from the 2d Auditor that $50,000 has been ordered to be deposited to credit of Capt J Brown in U. S. Branch Bank New Orleans

Gen Recd 10 Sept

Little Rock A.D.

August 22d 1832

Your letter dated the 23d Ult. accompanied by Copies of Instructions to the Special Agents, Majors D. W. Armstrong appointed to superintend the Removal and Subsistence of the Choctaws from this Bank to the West of the Mississippi have been received. Also by same mail I received six large Packages. containing various kinds of Blanks. pertaining to the Duties of Indian Removal.

I have received notice from the 2d Auditor that fifty thousand Dollars, has been directed to be deposited to my Credit in the Branch W. S. Bank. at New Orleans.

By the Gazette of this morning (one of which I have forwarded to you) You will perceive that I have three proposals for Beef cattle to furnish subsistence &c. to the Indians in the New Country, two of these are for Cows. and is intended to feed the present Emigrants. the residue of these have of claims for Beef. with a large flesh to meet Casualties that may occur. The Beef to meet the same object has been Contracted for. Cattle. for which have been forwarded. The Beef now under notice is Contemplated for the ensueing Emigration which I have Calculated at 10,000 to an amount Issues for the first Quarter of 1833. On the other side is a Memorandum of Calculations. from which data is assumed in relation to this furnishing. which will more distinctly Explain the Course Taken to meet this anticipated wand, the same Course will be Applicable to Cows for the first Quarter of next year. but as

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that Article is now at hand, there will be sufficient time for notices after the Contracts now under notice are let. I do not know, any thing more can be done to meet contingencies for furnishing Subsistence.

Asst Agent Sutton left this some days since to make Arrangements with the Owners and proprietors of ferries, on the Road from this to Fort Smith. I have directed that two large and Commodious Boats be in readiness at all the ferries, and the Accounts to and the Accounts from them be made passable, he (Sutton) is also directed to make Arrangements for repairing the Road, the labours of which to be commenced on the first of next month. for this purpose some 15 or 20 good Axemen will be engaged to which will be added a sufficiency of Guard Labour to accomplish such Repairs as are indispensible within as little time and at as little expense as possible.

I have the honour to be

Very Respectfully

Your obt Servt

J Brown Capt U.S.A.

Supt Ft Washita

Gen. Geo Gibson,
Comsy. Gen. of Subs.
Washington D.C.

Memoranda

There is now under contract the Delivery to Commence on the 1st October 1832 ---------- Tbs Beef 1,024,000

There are now say 4000 Choctaws to Supply to which at 1½ per day for October Novbr & Decemb 92 days will Consume 460,000

Leaving on the 1st January 1833 564,000

It is supposed that 10,000 Choctaws will Emigrate this present season & Early next suppose that only one half the above Number reach the new Country Prior to the 1st December Next: Then for that month 5,000 Choctaws at 1½ per day will Consume ---------- 193,750

Leaving of the above supply on the 1 Jany 1833 Tbs Beef 370,250

Then from the 1st Jany: add the whole of the suppose next Emigrations 10,000 to the 4,000 now in the Country & we have 14,000 to be subsisted for 2 months Jany & Febry: which at 1½ per day being 59 Days is. ---------- 1,032,500 Tbs

Then for the month of March 10,000 (the 4,000 now in the Country as above noticed will have been subsisted the year) 31 days at 1½ per day, is ---------- 387,500

Making Tbs Beef 1,420,000

From which deduct the above amount on hand the 1st January 1833. ---------- 370,250

Leaving Tbs Beef 1,049,750

Or say: ---- 1,050,000 Tbs

Which will be required in addition to what is now under Contract to subsist present and new Emigrations to the 31st March 1833.

J.A.

Enc 99 Choctaw

Capt J Brown

Little Rock

July 10th 1832

Enclosing an applica-
-tion of Lt Ryan for
leave to proceed to Wash
-ington to tender his
resignation

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Rec. 24 Lett

Little Rock A. D.
July 10: 1862.

Yrs

I send herewith the application
made by Capt S. H. Ryan A. D. C.
for leave of absence, from this station to
Cincy, for the purpose of proceeding to
to Washington D. C. there to report to the
Secretary of War & there to make known
his intentions & to negociate the subject of
his wishes. as expressed in the application
herewith inclosed.

The loss of so valuable an assistant
in this duty as Capt Ryan, is greatly to
be regretted, and big I am sorry as I shall
remain on this Station. of the difficulties
- but as he has determined, on having the
Army, and as his services, now, can
better be dispensed with, than they can
be some sixty days hence, I have deemed
it as well, to grant the leave of absence
at once, rather than to detain him until [illegible]

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from the applications to be released from duty. Made to Washington for that purpose.

Lieut Rogers is desired to communicate any information in relation to the vessel which he may be deemed useful to the Department

I have the honour to be
very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
L O Brown Collector

Capt R. H. Gedney
Commd Ord Vessels
Washington D C

To be
done

[Copy]

Little Rock 10th July 1832

Sir

Circumstances have recently transpired, so connected with my future prospects, as to induce one to leave the service. I therefore solicit your permission to leave here for Washington City to tender my resignation.

Believe me sir in my regarding on quitting the Army none are more prominent than having the association with yourself in which I have been so fortunately situated. Anticipating your future destiny may be of the most agreeable nature, and with every wish for your future welfare and happiness, I have the honor to be

Your obt Servt

G. W. B. Ryans.

Lieut 4th U. S. A.

Asst in Pt Supt of Indn-

To Capt J. Bonneville U.S.A.

Supt of the Removal Dept of Indn

From [redacted] 105 Choctaw

Capt J Brown

Little Rock

Oct 18th 1832

Emigrants are expected to reach the landing on White River by 5th Nov.

Funds have been sent R. Stephenson

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Rec'd 5 Nov

Little Rock A. T.
18th October 1832.

Sir

In my last I apprised you of my departure for New Orleans for funds. I returned to this place on the 14. having been absent 24 days.

Preparations are now in great forward-ness, to receive the Emigrants, which are expected to reach the Landing on White River on or before the 4th proximo. The definite plans of operation were handed in on the 3rd Inst. very considerable arrangements however had been made in anticipation of the Movement prior to that date. Very considerable repairs, has been made on the Roads leading from this place to Fort Smith as well as some on the Memphis Route, a distance of Forty Miles or so. My absence during the latter part of September, & the first part of present month together with the many calls of

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duty Sirs at this time, will prevent my getting off my Ind. Dis accounts as early as I could have wished, they are however in a State of preparation & shall be covered as early as possible.

I hope the return of the Express sent to the Seneca Country, to inquire into the Condition & wants of those Indians. and which was covered to you by the Lt. Fulton on the 10th Inst. is satisfactory, It confirms the Information previously furnished me & on which my arrangements, in relation to supplying them with Subsistence had been made

I have forwarded Funds by Confidential Conveyance to Genl Stephenson to enable Estimates to close this year, & shall take the first opportunity to supply Genl Rainey - The person sent with Funds to Genl Stephenson is directed to make Contracts for Forriages between this and the new Choctaw Country.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J Brown Capt. 1st Dr
Aidy de Cp. & Recruit

Gen. Geo. Gibson
Comg Genl of Dept
Washington D.C.

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Encl. 106 Letter

Wm M. H. Ball

Fort Towson

13 Sept 1832

Sends his Accounts up to 31st Aug.t - and are cash for public property - turned over to Lt Stephenson

Rec.d Sept.r 27th 1832

Rec.d 5 Nov.

Fort Towson Sep.t 13th 1832.

Sir.

Yours of the 9th July was duly received on the 31st Augt. and in accordance with the requestions therein contained, I herewith inclose my accounts up to the 31st. August, and also a receipt for public property turned over to Lt. James R. Stephenson.

Yours of the 4th Ult. has also been received.

I am with great Respect
Your obt. & Humb. Servt.
Wm. M. C. Ball
Asst. Agt. Choctaw Removal

Brig. Gen. Geo. Gibson
Com. General of Sub.
Washington City

Envy Thomas
107

Capt. J. Brown
Little Rock Oct 25 32

Sir, Inclosed $60.000 of
Capt. Thomas Hunt
remitted by that gentleman

Rec. 12 Ans.

Sir

Little Rock A.S.
October 25th 1862

On the 23d Inst I received from Capt Thomas Hunt Sixty Thousand Dollars, in Bills, this sum of remittance by that Gentleman - he left this for Pittsburg yesterday.

Tomorrow one half of the Public Steamers will leave this for Duvall's on the White River, this place designated for the landing of the Emigrants. On monday the 27th Inst the residue of the Steamers will depart for the same place, and where they will arrive in time to receive the first parties of Emigrants that reach the Depository.

By dividing the Steamers I have found it necessary to Employ additional Aid, for the charge of them. I have appointed for that duty a Mr Geo Ketchen who will receive at the rate of fifty Dollars per Month, found Camp fare and forage for his horse.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J Brown Capt A.C.S.
Supt. Dist; Ebro River,

Genl Geo. Gibson
Comy Genl of Subs.
Washington D.C.

Enclosing 108 Chocktaws
Capt. T. Brown
Little Rock
19th Oct 1832

Recommending a re-
duction in the quantity
of Provisions to Ind:
Scouts &c

Rec'd 19th

Little Rock A.T.

October 17th 1832

Sir

Herewith I have the honor to transmit Abstract of bids. with Contracts and Bonds. Entered into to supply sundry Stands. as designated with Subsistence. for Emigrating Choctaws and Corn and Forage for Teams. & Beef &c for Teamsters. These Contracts are in Compliance with requisitions made by the Special Agent for this Removal; and handed in on the 3d Inst. [redacted] strengthening them in the belief that the other sections of these roads which close on the 30th Inst will be Called for at reasonable rates.

Suggest to you so much Corn Estimated for the Indians Ponies not load- one half of it is a waste- is unnecessary at the period they will travel through the Country. Two Quarts. per day would have been ample in my opinion. during last years Emigration. & at this season. the Ponies did not consume the Gallon of Corn per day- much of Grass was left at that time there was little or no Range, whereas during the present Emigration the Range will be flush.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

J Browne Capt. U.S.A.

Asst. Qr Mr. Agt. Little Rock

Genl. Ge. Gibson

Comsy. Gens. of Subs

Washington City

109 Choctaws

Cap. J. Brown
Little Rock Oct.
20th 1832

Sends Abstract of bids
& Contracts for supplying
Corn at Kentucky Stands
for Choctaws

Jas

Rec'd. 19 Nov.

Little Rock A.S.

October 20th 1832

Sir I have herewith Abstract of Bids and Contracts with Bonds & Contracts with for supplying Corn at Summary Depots. in the New Choctaw Country. made by Lt Stephenson, and as follows,

Viz: Horse Prairie	@	1.37½ per Bushel
Fort Towson	"	1.25 " "
Old Millers Store	"	1.50 " "
Mountain Fork.	"	1.25 " "

By a comparison of the Enclosed Abstract with the states a much a wide difference in the bids and the Contracts will be found, but one of the Bids (for Fort Towson) was accepted, the Monopoly being a Combination & monopoly was rejected after which Contracts was Closed. at very fair rates.

Under present furnishing in the New Choctaw Country including the Arkansas Depot. the same does not Cost the Government over 7 Cents the Ration. and these for the Contracts on the route. except about that stand. if Either over [redacted]

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

J Bowyer Capt. U.S. Army

Dy Asst. Com Gen,

Genl. Gen. Gibson

Comy. Genl of Subs.

Washington City

Abstract of Bids

for supplying Choctaw Emigrants on the Route West Miss. 1832

Rec'd 19th

Abstract of Bids received at [illegible] for Emigrating Rations, to Emigrating Choctaws, and forage for Teams and Pack Horses, at Sundry Stations upon routes as [illegible]

No.	Bidders Name	Residence		Per Indian Ration	Corn per Bushel	Forage per cwt.	Responses	Remarks
1	John Black	Little Rock		9 Cents	$1.37	$2.50		Will deliver wheat and fodder for the stock at Little Rock @ $2.50 per cwt.
2	Byers & Belaing	"	"	8¾	1.47	2.50		
3	R. Jackson	"	"	7¾	1.45	2.25	Evans & Johnson Ind. Ins. Corps	Accepted
4	Byers & Howard	"	"	6¾	93	1.75		
5	Dunlap Pace	"	"	12	99	3.00		
6	Jesse L Cravens	"	"	8¾	95	3.00		
7	Robert Burton	"	"	11	1.05	4.00		
8	Gilbert Marshall	"	"	5¾	74	2.00		Accepted
9	Q Trimble	"	"	8	70	3.00		This bid was for muster only at Big Creek

Little Rock A.T. October 20th 1832

J. Byers Contractor for Bids Asst. Chor Route

RATIONS for INDIANS.

PROPOSALS,

IN writing, and sealed, for transporting and delivering to the *Emigrating Choctaw Indians*, COMPLETE RATIONS, together with FORAGE for Teams and Pack-horses, while travelling to their new country, west of the Mississippi river, on the following routes, will be received at this Office, viz:

Until [illegible] the 30th inst., (12 o'clock P. M.)

From Dardanelle Rock, to Fort Smith.—The stands where issues of Provisions and Forage will be required, to be as follows, viz: at Cany Creek; at Big Creek, or some watering place about 25 miles from Cany Creek.

From Edward Johnson's, nine miles south of Washington, to the new Choctaw country, near Fort Towson. The stands where issues of Provisions and Forage will be required, to be as follows, viz: at E. Johnson's; at Salem Creek; at Little River; at M'Cann's old place; at an intermediate stand between the last mentioned stand and Fort Towson, where water can be had.

Contractors will be required to make issues for two days' subsistence at each of the above stands.

Bidders will make their estimates as follows:

For the route leading from Dardanelle Rock to Fort Smith: for subsisting about 2,500 Indians; 50 Teams, consisting of either five horses or six oxen; and about 400 Indian ponies, serving as pack-horses.

For the route from Edward Johnson's, 9 miles south of Washington, to the new Choctaw country near Fort Towson, about 4,500 Indians; 90 Teams; and about 700 Indian ponies, serving as pack-horses.

The Rations, per day, for Indians, Teams, and Pack-horses, will be as follows, viz:

For each Indian, one and one-fourth pounds of fresh Beef; three-fourths of a quart of Corn, and at the rate of four quarts of Salt, for every

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* * The Editors of the "Missouri Republican," at St. Louis, and "Arkansas Intelligencer," at Columbia, Mo., are requested to publish the above advertisement until the 10th day of November next, and send their bills (receipted,) together with the first and last numbers of their respective papers, containing the same, to the office of the Arkansas Gazette, for payment, when the money will be immediately remitted to them by mail, or in any other mode that they may desire.

An act authorizing the payment of certain certificates.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be paid to the persons entitled thereto, the amount of certificates issued by the Commissioners appointed under the act of the 4th July, 1836, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force An Act authorizing the payment of certain certificates," approved 7th May, 1836: Provided, That the act last mentioned (a copy whereof is annexed) has been returned and continued in force for two years from the end of the next session of Congress thereafter.

LOUIS M'LANE,
Secretary of the Treasury.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
14th August, 1836.

IN conformity with an Act passed the 14th July, 1836, entitled "An Act to revive and continue in force An Act authorizing the payment of certain certificates," approved 7th May, 1836: Notice is hereby given, that the act last mentioned (a copy whereof is annexed) has been revived and continued in force for two years from the end of the next session of Congress thereafter.

Abstract of Bids received as ... Rations upon routes as ...

No.	Bidders Name	Residence				For Indian Ration	Com per Bu
1	John Clark	Little Rock					
2	Byrne & Bolding	"	"				
3	R. Jackson	"	"				
4	Byrne & Howard	"	"				
5	Timothy Pace	"	"				
6	Isaac L Cravens	"	"				
7	Robert Burton	"	"				
8	Gilbert Marshall	"	"				
9	D Trimble	"	"				

Little Rock A.T.
October 30th 1832

RATIONS for INDIANS.

PROPOSALS,

IN writing, and sealed, for furnishing and delivering to the *Emigrating Choctaw Indians*, COMPLETE RATIONS, together with FORAGE for *Teams* and *Pack-horses*, while travelling to their new country, west of the Mississippi river, on the following routes, will be received at this Office, viz:

Until [illegible], *the 30th inst., (1 o'clock P. M.)*

From Dardanelle Rock, to Fort Smith.—The stands where issues of Provisions and Forage will be required, to be as follows, viz: at Cany Creek; at Big Creek, or some watering place about 25 miles from Cany Creek.

From Edward Johnson's, nine miles south of Washington, to the new Choctaw country, near Fort Towson. The stands where issues of Provisions and Forage will be required, to be as follows, viz: at E. Johnson's; at Salina Creek; at Little River; at M'Cay's old place; at an intermediate stand between the last mentioned stand and Fort Towson, where water can be had.

Contractors will be required to make issues for two days' subsistence at each of the above stands.

Bidders will make their estimates as follows:

For the route leading from Dardanelle Rock to Fort Smith: for subsisting about 2,500 Indians; 50 Teams, consisting of either five horses or six oxen; and about 400 Indian ponies, serving as pack-horses.

For the route from Edward Johnson's, 9 miles south of Washington, to the new Choctaw country near Fort Towson, about 4,500 Indians; 90 Teams; and about 700 Indian ponies, serving as pack-horses.

The Rations, per day, for Indians, Teams, and Pack-horses, will be as follows, viz:

For each Indian, one and one-fourth pounds of fresh Beef; three-fourths of a quart of Corn, and at the rate of four quarts of Salt, for every one hundred Indians.

The component parts of the Ration, as above stated, may be varied in the issues, from time to time as opportunities may offer, so as to make deliveries of one and one-fourth pounds of fresh or three-fourths of a pound of salted Pork, instead of Beef, and one pound of Wheat Flour or three-fourths of a quart of Corn-meal, instead of Corn.

For each Horse or Ox, per day, one peck of Corn, and 14 pounds of Hay or Fodder.

For each pack-horse, per day, one gallon of Corn.

The Provisions and Forage, comprising the above rations, to be of good quality and delivered in good order.

The contractors to be at every expense attending the delivery and distribution of the provisions, and the issues to be made under the inspection and direction of an Agent having charge of the Indians.

The emigrants will move in detachments consisting of about 1,000 Indians, 20 Wagons and Teams, and also, from 75 to 100 Indian pack-horses.

Contractors for the above routes will hold themselves in readiness to commence their issues by the *15th of November next*, at which time it is expected the emigrants will reach the commencement of their respective routes.

By reference to my advertisement, dated 22d Sept. (ult.), it will be seen that proposals would be received on the 3th inst., and, also, that specific information, so far as circumstances would permit, would be given on the 20th inst., in relation to the movements of the Emigrants. Information on this subject having been received at an earlier period than was contemplated, it is deemed advisable, both as regards the interest of the Government and the convenience of bidders, to prolong the day of receiving proposals, by presenting to the bidders information upon which they may calculate with some degree of certainty in forming their estimates, as to the quantity of provisions and forage which would be required, and also the stands at which the issues will be made.

Bonds will be required for the faithful fulfilment of contracts; and persons making bids are requested to accompany them with satisfactory references as to their capacity to furnish.

The privilege of rejecting bids deemed high, is reserved.

Bidders will please address their communications as follows:

"*Proposals to furnish Rations.*"
"*To the Principal Disbursing Agent,*
"*Indian Removal,*
"*Little Rock, A. T.*"

and will also attend at this place, at 5 o'clock P. M. on the respective days of receiving proposals, for the purpose of closing the contracts.

JOHN T. FULTON, *As't. Ag't.*
and Acting Principal Dis. Ag't.
Choctaw Removal.

Little Rock, Oct. 5, 1832. 42 3w

Abstract of Bids

for Supplying Choctaw
Emigrants on the Route
West Missi 1832.

Rec'd 9 Jan

Abstract of Bids received and opened for furnishing Rts. upon Routs as specified below —

No.	Bidders Names	Residence	Route	
			From	To
1	John B Nicolls —	Little Rock	Mts. Blanch	Dardanelle Ferry
2	Byrn & Belding	do — do	do — do	Washington Ht. A.
3	Sampt Gray & I Sevins	do — do	do — do	Sevins settlement &
4	Byrn & Howard —	do — do	do — do	Dardanelle Ferry
5	Geo. W. J. McHenry	do — do	do — do	Johnsons Washington
6	John McLean	do — do	do — do	Johnsons & Spring
7	McLean Caldwell	do — do	do — do	do — do

Little Rock A. T.
Octr. 18th 1832.

Taxes, and Forage for Secons. and Pack Mules. at Sundry Stands

...ches Forage per Cent		References	Remarks
ets.	$2.00		
	1.75		
	1.50	Wm E Woodruff and R. C. Byrd	Tolles,
	1.75		
2/0	2.50	A McKenny & Fisk & R Banks.	Tolles,
	1.37½		
	1.50		

J Brown Capt. U.S.A.
Mins. Dietz Ag. Chart Rend,

Emig Choctaws
Letter
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Capt. J Brown
Little Rock
Act 31st 1832

Covering Contracts &c
for supplying Choctaws
at Naval Stands. &c.

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Rec'd Nov 19

Little Rock A.T.
October 31st 1832

Sir

Herewith I have the honor to transmit Articles of Agreements with the Bonds made for supplying Emigrant Choctaws at Sundry Stands on the route leading to the Red River and Arkansas Sections of the new Choctaw Country. These Contracts Complete the requisitions made for that purpose. Also is herewith Abstract of Bids with the notice under which these Contracts have been made It will be seen in these Articles that I have reduced the Rations to seven pounds one half the quantity called for per notice. I have also since forwarding Contracts for similar furnishing (under date of the 19th Inst) directed that seven pounds only be furnished on those Contracts.

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
Your obt Servt

J Brown Capt, 4th U.S.
Asst Dep Sub Agt Choctaws

Genl Geo. Gibson
Comsy Genl of Subs
Washington D.C.

Comg 114 Choctaws
Capt. J. Brown
Little Rock Nov 5
1832

Covering Estimate of
Funds for Transportation
of Choctaws -

Average price of
Rations &c

Rec'd 21 Nov.

Little Rock A.T.

November 5th 1832

Sir

Herewith is remitted Estimate of Forage &c. the most Expensive incident to the Transportation of Chactaws during the present season of their Emigration.

The average prices of supplies recently contracted for & to be obtained at the several Stands on routs leading to the New Chactaw Country, are as follows.

For the Station 6¼ cents

" Corn per Bushel $1.07½

" Fodder per Cwt. $2.00

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your obt Servt

J Brown Capt, 1st A.

Dis Ag. Ind Affrs

Genl Geo. Gibson

Comy Genl of Subs

Washington D.C.

Emig.ⁿ 116 Choctaw
Capt. J. Brown
Little Rock 15th Nov. 32

Covering Contracts
for Corn made by
Lt. Stephenson

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Little Rock A. T.
Nov. 15th 1832

Sir

I have the honor to transmit Contract with Bond, made by Gist Stephenson for the delivery of Corn at the Osage Mission Settlement, Three Choctaws Country. And I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully
Your Ob. Svt
J Brown Capt 4th
Asst Qr Mr Inds Remd

Genl Geo Gibson
Com'y Gen'l of Subs
Washington C. C

Sir

Little Rock A. T.
November 9th 1832

Herewith I have the honor to transmit triplicate Contract with Securities for the delivery of Corn at Horse Prairie Nova Choctaw Country.

Very Respectfully
I have the honor to be
your obt Servt
J Brown Capt 4th Art
Supt Dis Ind Affrs

Genl Geo. Gibson
Comy Genl of Subs.
Washington C.b

Ennis 117 Choctaw

Capt. J. Brown
Little Rock Ark.
23 1832

Sends Contracts for supplying Choctaws

Has also made Contracts for supplying Seneca &c

Sir Rec'd 17 Dec

Little Rock A.T.

November 23d 1833

Herewith is forwarded articles of Agreements Entered into with Persons for supplying Rations to Choctaws. in their new Country. together with Abstract of Proposals and notice under which the Contractors were received.

It will be seen that the Contracts specify the delivery of Rations at all the Depots - not however at the rates of Bids / and there were a good many of them) for the Depots near Dowson and Hot Prairie was dealer one high. and Consequently were rejected. but I subsequently closed the Contracts at rates deemed to be fair Prices both for Government and the furnisher. and which for the Number of Rations to be furnished - saves to the Government - by rejecting the Bids, upwards of $6.000 -

The lowest bidder for supplying near Red Smith. refused to give Bonds. the next lowest being but a fraction over the first. and in my Opinion sufficiently low was accepted.

I take this occasion to say that I have Entered into Contract to supply the Seminoes for the balance of this year from the 4th day of January next. one at 6¼ Cents the Ration - The Seminoles residing some distance prevents me from forwarding a copy of the Contract at this time The Competition for this furnishing (the Seminoes) was Considerable and the result shows a great difference between this and the supplies Contracted for by Mr Brisk.

I have made supplementary Agreements, for the supply of these Seminoes & Shawnees that are now Emigrating to that section of the Country. they are to be fed for six Months after their

Amount at 7¾ cents the Ration. This I consider Equally low for this furnishing, as this this Contract. inasmuch as their position will be about 25 Miles further from where supplies must come, than Indiana.

Nearly a million of Rations were put under Contract on the 23d Inst the day for opening Bids. and the average price per Ration is a fraction over 7 cents. say 7¼ cents. This is as cheap subsisting the Soldiers. perhaps as will ever be made for the Government.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt

J Bonne Capt, 4th A.
Asst. Dir Sub Rens,

Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comdy Genl of Subs
Washington.

D.C

Capt. I. Brown

Abstr. of Bids
for Supply Contractors
with rations or Beef
dated 18 August 1832

Abstract of Bids Received

Date	No.	Bidders Names		
1832				
November 22	1	W. Ng. & Bussing & Co.	[illegible] City, Mo.	25 Miles
	2	H. Coffee & Co.	Cook	
	3	Matthew Moore	Do.	
	4	Jno. Clark & Benj	Do	Depot No.
	5	Matthew Moore	Do.	Horse Pr.
	6	Henry K. Boon	Do.	Depot No.
	7	Byrd & Hanson	Do.	25 Miles
	8	R. Hamilton	Do.	Depot No.
	9	Do. Do.	Do.	Horse Pr.
	10	Clark & Fitzpatrick	Do.	25 Miles
	11	R. & Byrd & Co.	Do.	Horse Pr.
	12	Do. Do.	Do.	Fort Gibson
	13	Do. Do.	Do.	Horse Pr.
	14	Jacob [illegible]	Do.	Fort Gibson
	15	Do. Do.	Do	Horse
	16	Josiah Clark	Do.	25 Miles
	17	Do. Do.	Do.	25 miles
	18	Alexander Bu[illegible]	Do.	
	19	James Stew[illegible]	[illegible]mith	
	20	Charles Sh[illegible]	Do.	
	21	James Byrd	Do	
	22	L. Evans	[illegible]ton County	
	23	L. Evans	Do	

Little Rock A. T.
November 1832

[illegible] All the Bids

[illegible]

The other set of proposals, to furnish and deliver, at the depot above named, and at such other places as shall be required, and as therein directed,

450,000 pounds of Beef.

Also—One set of proposals, to furnish and deliver, at the depot at Horse Prairie, 20 miles west from Fort Gibson, and at such other places (not exceeding *five*) as shall be designated by the Receiving Agent, neither of which to exceed the distance of 40 miles from the depot above named,

160,000 Rations.

The other set of proposals, to furnish and deliver, at the depot above named, and at such other places as shall be required, and as therein directed,

200,000 pounds of Beef.

And, also—One set of proposals, to furnish and deliver at the depot 25 miles south-westwardly from Fort Smith, on the Arkansas, and at such other places (not exceeding *three*) as shall be designated by the Receiving Agent, and neither of which to be more than 30 miles from the depot above named,

320,000 Rations.

The other set of proposals, to furnish and deliver, at the depot above named, and at such other places as shall be required, and as therein directed,

400,000 pounds of Beef.

It is expected that one fourth of the Rations, or Beef, as above designated, will be required and await the depots on or before the first day of January next, 1833, and this fraction from time to time, so that the whole will be called for on or before the first day of April following.—The periods of delivering the pork or Beef, and the amount to be delivered at each place will be designated, as above named, and of which notice will be duly notified (*by*

The deliveries of the provisions, whether in Rations, or of Beef only, will be made under the inspection of an Agent, at all risk and every expense attending the delivery and distribution thereof, except in cases by contractors.

The great part of the Ration, as above named, may be varied in the issues, from time to time, so as to make deliveries of one and a fourth pounds of fresh beef, or three-fourths of a pound of salted Pork, instead of Beef; or, also, may a portion of the meat part of the Ration be delivered in *Cattle* and *Hogs*, upon just estimates, on foot, provided such should be acceptable to the Indians. But in no case, must such changes of issues increase the cost of the Ration, or any of the component parts thereof, as above designated, and to which bidders are referred in calculating prices at which they will furnish the same for.

The delivery of *Cattle* and *Hogs*, on foot, as above noted, may be made for one or two months at a time, should the same be deemed expedient by the Receiving Agent; also, may the other parts of the Ration, except salt, be delivered for periods corresponding therein.

Good and sufficient sureties will be required for the faithful fulfilment of contracts, and payments for all fulfilling parties said contracts, will be made at this place, Little Rock, A. T.

The privilege of rejecting bids deemed high, is reserved.

Proposals must be made in writing, and sealed, and persons making bids, will accompany them with satisfactory references of their capacities to furnish. They will also be pleased to address their communications as follows:—

"*Proposals to furnish Indian Rations.*"

"To the Principal Disbursing Agent,

Choctaw Nation,

Little Rock, A. T."

and will, so far as it may be found convenient, attend at this place, on the last day for receiving "Proposals," (22d Nov.) for the purpose of closing contracts.

U. BROWN, Capt. U. S. A.
Disb. Ag. for Indians.

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Commissary Gen'l of Subs. LR 1832 C Choctaw

Forwards account Current to 2d
ending 31st Dec_ Sunday
clothes respecting the Removal
and an account of his mis-
=understanding with Laflin
which was happily adjusted
to the satisfaction of both
parties. Turned over provisions
to Capt Gardner & Lieut Dale
at Point of Rocks. The post
master at Jenkins Mr Gantt
by of resolutions of regulations
&c &c

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Rec'd 24 Jany

Vicksburg 3 Jany 1832

Sir

Enclosed I forward to your office my acct. Curr.t for the Quarter ending 31 Dec.r accompanied by Abstract of Disbursem.ts (Original abstract of Provs bills & receipts for purchases, Property returns Private acct. & Estimate for Funds. The balance to my debit as stated is 2632.48 on the return of Capt Shirley of the Talma & Chickasaw St. Boats I intend to pay to him so that I shall be without funds to pay Capt. Alexander & others as per estimate. Since the crossing & embarkation of the main body, small parties have been occasionally passing. to day 46 will cross here & a number are encamped near this place intending to cross as soon as the weather becomes mild. I left here on the 11.th in the morning in the Steamer Walter Scott with a party of Indians for the Lake au Fabre, we arrived there within 10 miles of that Point & by a good high land & no streams to cross within 65 miles of Hempsteads C.H.o (Washington) on the 17.th inst. Capt Crosse was at the Lake au Fabre & had sent the Talma St. Bt. back to the Post of Washita for the Indians who had crossed the swamp. Capt Shirley I was informed took on board the Talma 112 Indians 130 horses at the Post returned up to the encampment of Capt Crosse. The whole party under the direction of Capt Crosse including those with whom I ascended the Washita, will amt. to abt. 1200. They were plentifully supplied

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with provisions & furnished with Tents. Besides the public tents 3 or 4 Bales of Canvas Cotton Cloth were made up by the Indian Women every family had a tent. They were also furnished with Blankets & for the most part shoes, out of their annuity. Their condition on acc! of the extreme & unusual inclemency of the weather was distressing but greatly ameliorated by the liberal disposition of Col. Gains. The expense is heavy but their lands amty to 12 or 13 000. 000 any will reimburse the Government for double the amt. They were much pleased with the Steam Boats & all their objections to that mode of transportation have vanished -

You will perhaps have heard of a difficulty I had with Governor Lefore. As we made friends afterwards I thought I would not communicate the particulars, but fearing lest an unfavorable impression may have been made I will briefly state the facts. While encamped at the Old Owens on Pearl river with about 500 Indians preparing to start & about 200 more on the way to join me. I rec! a letter by express from Mr Norwood acc! of with Talums party that Leflore had been in his camp, abusing the Gov! about the allowance of the pint of corn in the ration and persuading the party to break up & go on their own footing by which they would receive 10 $ each. The party of Norwood became very much dis-

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satisfied them for left it but joined again at Nicholas.
While reading Mr Stevens letter Lefflore with a party
of Indians rode into Camp. As soon as he alighted I
read to him Stevens letter. He denied it in part, became
very much excited & commenced haranguing the Indians
who immediately flocked around him. It was near
night & I retired leaving him still speaking. Next
morning while approaching Camp I was informed that about
250 including them 200 that were coming in, had left
me and that it was likely the whole Camp would
break up. On my arrival I found several wagons
had been unloaded & the whole band wavering as to the
course they should pursue. I spoke to them through
a white interpreter told them of the necessity for
their removal & that the Treaty had pointed out
the method (viz St Boisdewagen) that the wagons had
been waiting for them at great expense to the
Government & that Lefflore ought to have talked
to them before that period, & allowed them in my
camp - that the young men might avail them-
selves of the Commutation but that the helpless
portion of them must be conveyed in the way
pointed out - I closed with politely requesting
Lefflore to leave my Camp, he promised he would
but did not & continued to talk to them saying that
lies had been told to them & that they had been
deceived - spoke of the Fort of Coffee & Griffin

to him, & at length told him that although the Govt. recognised him as chief of the Choctaw District. the people for his inhuman & cruel conduct to them had turned him out, & elected George Harkins - that he was a citizen of Mississippi and was violating the law by his interference in preventing the removal & if he did not desist I would have him arrested. He defied me and denied that the power of arrest existed in any authority of the state extending to the Indian Territory - Backed by the law extending civil jurisdiction over the Indians I presented a simple warrant from a Magistrate & had it served forthwith. As soon as the Indians discovered him in custody & his power gone they decided to reload the wagons, but a number left me who fell in again on the way to Vicksby. Leflore with his brother Ben as security came forward ready to comply & while I was writing the Bond, the Magistrate informed me it was Leflores wish to settle the difficulty in a friendly way which I agreed to & accordingly met & compromised by mutual explanations &c. As I before stated I did not intend to trouble you with a recital of the difficulty but by the advice of Col. Wright & others I have done it, & hope my conduct will be approved to which end I beg leave to refer you to Capt. S. T. Cross

ayd. de. camp

who was present during the time. It has been unfortunate for the Removal that the Govt would not recognise the election of Hankins to the exclusion of Leflore. So long as Leflore is kept in power by the Govt much trouble may be anticipated. He has the advice & talents of an intelligent but designing Chigasaw missionary merchant at Pontotoc who writes all his letters & controls him in every shape. I have been informed that his opposition grew out of disappointment; having for a long time calculated on removing the whole district himself & for that purpose was constantly clamouring for the Troops to cut a road across from near his residence to Pontotoc. Tashka a Half breed informed me as soon as Leflore heard of my arrival all his hopes of self aggrandisement vanished, and he determined to give me no whatever but on the contrary to throw every obstacle in the way of the removal. In conclusion of this subject I have only to remark that he and myself are on good terms and no apprehension need be intertained of any difference between us again.

Col. Gaines left here for his residence about the 5th of December - his health was very much impaired and I was informed on his arrival in New Orleans he was confined immediately to his bed -

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He directed me to remain here until further orders in order to grant Commutation Tickets pay Passengers & furnish provision to a struggling party. He mentioned the propriety of raising a party in the Spring at Mobile & directed me to that point for that purpose. I did not exactly agree with him as the communication from Mobile is very indirect. I beg leave to recommend if I am continued in the business, that I be directed to return into the nation raise a party and conduct it by the way of Red River up the Washita or up the Arkansas. A Steam Boat can take their horses in the hold & the Indians in the Cabins & on deck. The boats have just body & plenty of air would be circulated for the horses. The rapidity of the movements by St. Boats lessens the expense & greatly alleviates the hardships & expenses of travelling by land especially to the aged & infirm. The Chactaws having ammunition migrating, I feel assured that much less trouble will be experienced in collecting them together than at first—

The payment of the commutation tickets ought to be provided for west of the Mississippi. If a party is not to be raised this next Fall I could now and attend to that duty by being furnished with the necessary funds

Respectfully

to inform me whether those who have crossed on their own responsibility without Tickets will be entitled to pay Valp. whether those who removed previous to the grant of the Commutation allowance of 10 $ each will be entitled to pay & what proof will be necessary.

On my arrival at the Post of Washita I found a number say 40 or 50 Indians with horses on the bank of the river and in the street. They were without provisions or shelter - the Contractor W. Williams had gone back with Capt Shirley to the Swamp to hunt up a party for the Talma. Capt Earle the asst. agent was present - I hired, or rather Judge Bryce let me have a large house with permission to burn the fence for firewood. The ground was covered with snow & a sleet falling. I directed Stock Gardner to collect the party and repair to the house, I turned over to him the Pork flour & Bacon & mentioned in my abstract & took his receipt which is forwarded. He is an intelligent halfbreed & has gone on from the Post of Washita with horses & oxen by land to the Creek agency Fabre. & a few Indians - The prospect for travelling being bad I deemed it prudent to purchase the remainder of Reynolds provisions together with 15 Bus. Corn which was all that could be procured near the landing & for which he gave 1 $ per bus. the same price I allowed him. These provisions I turned over to Silas C. Fisher (another educated halfbreed) for issue The small pox prevails here at this time to a great extent. It is in the house I am staying and I feel

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somewhat confining although I have been inoculated for the time past) that I may take it.. I have not heard from your office for upwards of a month. The Post Master at Jackson Miss. the distributing office for the state is openly charged by the Post Master here and at Pakaltaw with the most open violation of the regulations – He is said open the large mail in the presence of numbers & solicit bystanders to aid him in the distribution. No safety therefore can be relied, in committing, passing such an office. Letters & papers from the north are said to pass Jackson to the south to Post Gibson intended for this place & to repass the same place to the north again & so on. W. Benton here is my informant & I hope the Post Master Genl will investigate the subject. I have rec'd no sort of communication from the north since the 5th Inst from any person.

I am Sir
(yr. mo. ob. sert.
Wm S. Coffee
Cpl. & A. Agt

Gen Geo Gibson
Com. Gen of Subs
Washington

Choctaw Agency
Mi. D. Territory
Aug 9th
1832

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Rec'd 28 Yazoo Vicksburg Jany 24th 1862

Sir

I wrote yesterday relating my accot. since then Mr Lowe special agent has arrived in the Talma from Washita. He left the fote au Fabre about a week ago & the Indians ~~are healthy & in fine spirits with plenty of provisions yet remaining~~ for Hempstead C.H. 65 miles. Those who passed through the swamp from here encountered numerous difficulties. They came to the Post of Washita where they embarked on board the Talma for the Cotton au Fabre the first trip of the Talma I mentioned in my ~~last~~ Mr Lowe was obliged to come down to the Post and penetrate the swamp beyond the Prairie de Rouge within 20 miles of Lake Providence where he found the rear party in great distress. He hastened them on to the Post where they were embarked

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on board the Salma Rowes & all. It is feared
that some few are yet in the swamp but
as the weather has been dry for a few
days there can be no difficulty in crossing it
as people are travelling constantly from
here by Lake Providence to the Post of Wash-
ita. The Indians that were at first landed
at the Lake and Tabor refused to proceed
until their friends in the swamp with
their stores were sent for excepting the
expense their transportation by water
was greatly reduced but in every
respect desirable under the circumstan-
ces of the case. On the arrival of the
whole with Tabor a degree
of satisfaction pervaded the
Camp & all their troubles & difficulties
seemed to have vanished. They were to
start immediately & had only about 130
miles to travel to the depot of pro-
visions at St Stephenson 40 miles east of

Fort Towson at Mc Cann's old place

but Steam Boats can at all seasons of the year
get to the Post of Washita & a greater
ying it part of the time to the Fote au Fabre
on which is 250 miles by water & about 110 by
Wash land above the Post. It is certainly a
ded good route. Hempstead County has abun-
and dance of Corn Cattle & Wagons were
with obliged to be sent there to procure
the to the Post of Arkansas a distance
try of 350 miles to meet the wants of the
tan- Indians at that landing. The two
the trips of the Steam Boat Talma for
me the Post to the Fote au Fabre amtd
the to 2500 ℔ remains unpaid & my es-
timate is short 1300 ℔ which additional
sum with that in the estimate will be
130 requisite & necessary to close the business
of the season. I am Sir
Yr: ob: Sv:
Wm Cocke Gaboon
Spl Ch Agent

Gen Gibson
W. City

Comp 89 Choctaw

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Some of the Choctaw cattle
will be fit for issue as beef -
Experience has proved that con-
tracts for issue of rations is
preferable to departmental issues
and issues by commissaries.

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Sir Rec'd 29th Aug. Vicksburg 8 Augt 1831

Your letter of the 1st Inst to Col. Gaines I have in his absence by his direction opened, & have to inform you that the remittance of $21000 to me has been disbursed & the accts forwarded. In my last I made reference to the disposition of the Choctaw Cattle - Some of them may be fit to issue as beef & I have no doubt a Contractor would be glad to take it, Provided he would be allowed to issue it - Experience has proven that contracts for the issue of rations is greatly preferable to the method of deposits, in bulk & issues by Commissaries - the time is short & the competition for the contract will be greater next fall than this. In a moving party the advantage is distinctly

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sion, in the absence of a number of
agents who will have to be employed to
take charge of the supplies & issue them
I write in haste as I am just leaving
a town infected by the Small Pox of
a most virulent character, attacking
the vaccinated as well as those who
have not had that advantage 3 men
have died this week with it and several
others are sick in the neighborhood. A
young lady in the room just under
the one I occupy is now suffering under
its affliction. I mention this as an
excuse for writing from here to
Clinton — Capt. Cross is here & I
will by the first boat proceed
to Christ. I am Sir Yr. Ob. Servt

Wm. Gahagan
Asst. Qr. Mr. Gen.

Gen. Geo. Gibson
Com. Gen. of S.

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Enclosures 90 Choctaws
Mail. Ft. Coffee

Nelsburg Jan'y 16. 1832.

Encloses quarterly return
of disbursements &c &c

Enclose quarterly return of
disbursements, &c. Rept'd mem;
by reason of Col Gaines, - of his
traveling expences; hopes they
will be approved. Explains
Why he removed 300 indians from
Monroe to Cote au fable &c &c

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Rd. 30th Jany

Vicksburg Miss.
Jany 6. 1832

Sir

I herewith is enclosed my quarterly return of disbursements for Subs[t] emigrating Indians, also my Ap[t] account.

By directions from Col. Geo. S. Gaines Supt[t] I was instructed to keep a memorandum of my travelling expenses, also that of any losses, and submit the same to you for approval, which I have done. As you have ere this been apprised of the movement of the Indians under my charge, it leaves me but little to say in reference thereto — the Party however, which I accompanied on board the Steamers Cleopatra, & Talma, from this to Cotton plant Arkansas, arrived there safe, on the 9th Ult. when they remained in Camp till wagons could be procured for their removal, and the arrival of their friends, & Horses, &c who [illegible] going by Land from this place —

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to Join them at that Point (Coteaufabia
a few days after my arrival, I understood that
those who had undertaken to travel by land, on
in the swamps, suffering greatly, they, and their stock,
in consequence of the unprecedented cold spell of
weather which occured at that time, I went immediately
to Monroe, La. and penetrated the swamps, and saw
about 300 persons, Many of whom was much frosted, I
Marched them to Monroe, at which place I Chartered the
Steam Boat Talma, to convey them to Coteaufabia &
when they arrived, much relieved from their suffering, and gave
to the satisfaction of their friends. had they been left to travel
by land from Monroe to Coteaufabia, they would not have made
that point in thirty days, which would have retarded
the Movement of the whole party very much, I was prompted
by humanity, as well as the interest of Government, to
move those people in a Steam Boat from Monroe to
Coteaufabia, in doing this, the whole party moved in put
in motion much earlier, than suffering them to go by land
Many of whom could not travel, I hope Sir, you will
sustain me, in the course I took on the occasion.

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I would [illegible] remark for the satisfaction of the Department that the Indians moved in so many small parties, that no regularity could be observed in issuing them provisions, frequently provisions & forage have been purchased, and issued without that due form, which otherwise would have been observed, believe however the Whole to be substantially correct, The number of Indians at Coteaupotrie, who would all leave there on the 1st Inst Amounts to about 1100 great harmony, & satisfaction prevails in the Camp ——— I send Orders at Coteaupotrie from Col. Gaines to repair to Point Chicot Arkansas. for the purpose of issuing commutation tickets to those who are Moving on their own accounts, I shall leave here, in the first Boat for that Point. at which place I shall wait for further instructions ———

Very Respectfully
Yr. Obt. Svt
S. T. Crooks
Spl Dis. Agt

in that [illegible] stock, [illegible] supplies [illegible] to the Indians [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible] land [illegible] will [illegible]))

[C 90]

Samuel L. Coons
Petersburgh
Jany 6th 1832

Wrote in reply on the 30th
Jany and at the same time
transmitted Depr. Drawers
by Post Master of the Roth
2 C.

Jany 20th 1832

Vicksburg Miss.
June 6. 1832

Dear Lauman

You will discover I am again at Vicksburg. which I assure you was unexpected to me when I last wrote you after my arrival at Co. Jean. Fabre Ayres with the party of emigrants under my charge as Rider was received from Col. Gaines through Capt. Colquhoun, [redacted] to repair to Point Chicot Arkansas, about 150 Miles above this place, on the River Miss. for the purpose of issuing commutation Certificates to emigrants who are moving on their own resources, to which point I am now on my way. I am waiting for a Steamer to go on. I have just closed my Quarterly return which will be forwarded immediately — I feel greatly indebted to our friend, Colquhoun

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for his assistance, and attention in this
matter he has been very friendly, indeed we
get on ~~with~~ Separate Harmony, I hope he will
direct your attention, he will remain at this
place and its neighbourhood untill operations
commence in the summer in the Nation ——
I shall make application to Col Gaines for
a leave of absence to visit my family the
first March, and probably sooner, I have not
heard one word from home since I left there,
I think I have kept my Army affairs perfectly
correct, at least I am not in arrears with
the Government —— in consequence of my
unsettled situation, I have had nothing from
any friend since I left home, — I have directed
all letters which may be at Cantonment Towson
Arkansas, to be forwarded to Point Chicot.
at which place I hope to hear from you,
since my arrival at this place, I got Journals
Transcripts from you but no letters Upon
with a deal. on at Point Chicot ——

immediately on the receipt of this, as I am
determined on going up the River at least
as early as 1. March, after which time, you
will write me there; of this however, I will
advise you when leaving the Point. I shall
return whenever duties and health permit to the
Station or Cantonments, I think, will not be
so ~~Cantonments~~ Lesley Port Gibson, as they were the first,
although it is supposed there will be double
the number that will move next fall, to
there was the first small sketch of my
trip, I will give you a list at the Point.
I think I may venture to-day, my health is
better, — My best Respects to Mrs. Lesley. I hope
to see her in a few years with my little Jane
if I should live — Yrs. affectionately
S. H. Long
Surg. U.S. Army

N.B. I forwarded on the 28th Nov.
a draft to Major Morris of Baltimore
for 60 Dls. I had drawn
on you for, in their favour. I
hope it arrived in time —
S. H. Long

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W. [redacted]

J. J. Crosfs,

at Moreau's, Washita Riv. 17 Dec 3[illegible]

order to proceed to Point Chicot

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(Copy)

[redacted] on the
Washita River

17 Dec. 1831

Dear Sir

I am here with 213 Indians, and about 50 Horses & oxen. the Indians will proceed on immediately. Capt. Silas D. Fisher who hands you this, is a Choctaw Captain & a worthy young man. I have authorised him to officiate as Agent untill he meets your self, such disbursements as he may make, he pleased to settle. Earle is at the Post of Washita, found & provided for, — our boat the Walter Scott, I fear will have a bad chance to get out! I shall return in her & assure you, although my sympathies are aroused in behalf of the unfortunate, emigrants, on account of the unusual and unprecedented inclemency of the weather, that my own health, (which by a spell of inflamatory fever at Natchez, warns me to return! On our arrival at day break at Monroe, Earle came to the river to see us & slipped from the top of the bank into the water. He had crossed a great many oxen & Horses. He had 44 people with him. Capt. Shirley and the Contractor Mr. Williams, had gone about 15 Miles to a Bayou east of Monroe, to hurry up the rear, — I wanted a large

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-- town at Brazos, & procured 15 bbls flour & 1000 lbs Pork, & Bacon, besides which they will get Beef, the people are very kind to them. Hempstead Co., is not much more than 50 Miles from you. Col. Gaines is your home. He wants you to go to Point Chicot.

Yours truly

(signed) Wm S. Colquhoun.

Because this hasty scrawl.

Capt. S. T. Corps
Asst. Q. M. Agent
Cote. au. Fabre

Gen. T. Gaines –
to U. S. Corps
Mobile Ala. 20. 1852

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(Copy) — Mobile 20th January 1832

Dear Sir

I arrived at this place from Demopolis Yesterday, and find your favours of the 8th and 10th Inst — I am sorry to hear of the suffering of your party of Emigrants, and of their loss in horses I had feared both, from the excessive cold freezing weather which came on immediately after your departure from Vicksburg. — I am satisfied that you acted from the best motives, and very properly, in affording to the suffering Indigents in charge of the Indians the aid of the Talend in bringing them to their anxiously waiting friends at Coila, and will so report to Genl Gibson. — as soon as you can be spared from Point Chicot, of which you are to judge, you have my permission to join your family, until your further services may be required, — On leaving your post appoint the Commissary Sergeant of your command to visit your family, by my permission — Please to report to me the number of Emigrants who have arrived at Point Chicot —

(Over) —

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— Address me at this place

With much Esteem

Your Obt. Servt.

(Signed) Geo. S. Gaines
Supt. Ind. Affairs & Indian Trade

Capt. L. T. Cook
Spl. Dr. Agent
Point Pleasant

Copies of Letters sent

To S. Boyd Vicksburg

Vicksburg Jany 12. 1852

Enclose Statement of account shewing balance of Funds. Vouchers will be forwarded when he closes his business. Has rec'd a letter from Capt Brown desiring to know the authority Capt D has the Mississippi for the issue a quart of corn the day Forage of pack Mules

Rec'd 3 feby 1832 Vicksburg 13 Jan. 1832

Sir

Enclosed is a statement of my account shewing the balance of funds in my hands at this time. The vouchers will be forwarded when I close the business. The steam Boats Walter Scott & Talma are paid for. The amt. due them is $5000 — 2500 to each boat — It is important that these payments be not delayed; so that when boats are wanted again explicit confidence may be restored. I have rec'd no letter from agents. I have rec'd no letter from the dept. since about the 1st Sept. December. Col. Gaines is at Mobile or at home near Demopolis. Capt Gates is at

— —

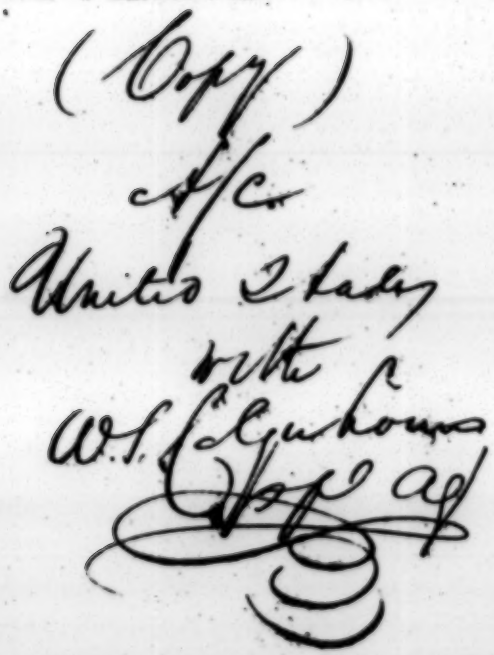
Point Christ

Rec'd a letter from Capt Brown
desiring to have an authority East of
the Mississippi for the issues of a
guard of Corn to the Rations of forage
to the Pack horses. Supplied to
him that Col. Gaines had rec'd instruc-
tions relative to Fort Hawkins extend-
ing that he had rec'd a letter allow-
ing Corn to the Pack horses
The Mississippi is rising & boats
begin to pass up & down, hitherto
obstructed by the Ice. This plan
by the request of the Mayor Council
is inflicted in every direction with
the Small Pox. I left the tavern
I was staying at when I start-
work, owing to two cases of
Small Pox in the house. The

most perfect relief and may be
plain in Vaccination & I beg leave
to suggest as an act of humanity
that an appropriation be made
for vaccinating the Chactaw nation
& aiding all those who are lia-
ble from their intercourse with
the whites to take the disease.

The death of Mr Geo. B. Crutcher
manager of Choctaw money at
Skullyville (Mount Salus) vacates the
appointment I mention the
fact which is very recent so
that if the appt is not made
before the arrival of my letter
Gen Jos may have it in your
power to aid in confirming it
to one worthy of it.

I am Sir &c. &c. &c.
Wm Ward Cherokee
Agt



W. S. Colquhoun

Statement

of Grants of Land

Jany 12. 1832

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Dr. The United States in account with [illegible]

1832 Jan 3 To Cash pd for 169 lbs hay for the Indian Survey of Sta. C. cabbay Party 1 69

4 To Cash turned over to S.G. Ousley Indn Agent to pay Capt. Shirley for the trip of the Talma & Cleopatra to the Coste au Haber (Capt Crocker having drawn from 1000$ on the trip) 3538 33

9 To Cash paid Robert A. Hubbell for abstract for Provisions furnished at various times to Indians crossing at Vincennes 85 66½

" To Cash pd Joseph C. Depew for postage . . . 3 21 12½

" To balance due U.S. 85 67

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Mr. W.m S. Coffenbury Special Disb.t Agent

1832 Jan.y 1	By Balce due this acct.		4632 48

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By Balce due U. States 99 66

W.m S. Coffenbury

Vicksb.g Jan.y 12th 1832 Spl. Disb. Agt

W. S. Colquhoun
Special Ind. Agt.
Acct. for Expenditures in the
Removal & Subs of Choctaws.

Statement of Funds on hand
Dec. 10. 1832

Dr. The United States In acct with Wm S. Colquhoun Esqr. Dr. agt on acct of disbursements for the removal & subsistence of Indians

1831				1831			
July 1	To Cash paid Capt. Clark		600 00	July 5	By Cash at W. city		
3	To Cash pd Dixon to go express		2 00	Nov. 4	By Cash of Col. Gaines in the Chic. nation		
"	To Cash pd for saddle bridle & surcingle		8 00	13	By Cash of Col. Gaines at Dockstader		
4	To Cash pd S. J. Cross Esq. D. Ag		1500 00	23	By Treasury Draft		
"	To Cash advanced A. Stewart acct Ag with the Osage party		75 00		By balance		
7	To Cash pd S. J. Cross Esq. D. Ag		90 00				
13	To Cash pd S. J. Cross Esq. D. I. A		2000 00				
"	To Cash pd for horse (Vide letter to Col Gaines)		140 00				
23	To Cash pd S. J. Cross Esq. D. I. A		3000 00				
"	To Cash adv. to Col. Gaines		5000 00				
"	To Cash pd Capt Tufts for 150 tons Kiln-dried corn up to the advance for Indians at the Arsenal		364 00				
"	To Cash adv'd S. J. Cross Esq. D. Ag		500 00				
"	To Cash paid to Joshua J. Parker for his services & horse		84 00				
27	To Cash paid Wright & Ragsdale in full		3827 88				
25	To Cash paid Lt. Wharton Rutter D. I. A.		1000				
30	To Cash paid Joseph E. Dixon		21 62				
30	To Cash paid Steam Boat Walter Scott		1040 00				
"	To Cash pd Campbell & Bennett		9 00				
"	To Cash pd Abner Kelley expressman		5 00				
	To balance this day		3398 50				
			$33665 00				

The above balance will pay the Talma & Chesapeake & Ohio & the Wagoner of Liley Fishing party also the passage of said party up the Arkansa now embarking on board the Walter Scott Capt. Calvert.

The vouchers will be sent with a duplicate of this when I have more time & envelope them securely.

W. S. C

J. B. Clark
Little Rock A.T.
Oct 31 1837

Capt L.W. Clark
Little Rock Nov 30.
1837

Encloses his account for
Money rec'd and expended on
account of Rems & Subs of Indians
Presumes that all expences in-
cidental to the indian Service
be paid out of the funds
appropriated for that purpose
Has made out his account
accordingly — — — — — —

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Rec'd 7th Jany 1832

Little Rock A.T.
Nov. 30th 1831.

General,

I have the honor herewith to enclose to you an account current, abstract, and vouchers, to close my accounts for moneys received and expended by me on account of the removal and subsistence of Indians.

I presume from your letter of the 3d Nov: to Capt S. Brown, that all expenses incidental to the removal and subsistence of Indians are to be paid out of the funds appropriated for that purpose, I have therefore made out my accounts for transportation on account of that service.

I am Sir.
With Great Respect
Your Mo ob. Servt.
J.B. Clark
Capt 3d Infty.

Gen George Gibson
Com Gen of Subsistence
Washington, City.

Comp 93 Choctaw
Lt. J. Colquhoun
asst
Vicksburg 5th Feby 1832

Accpts Treasury draft on the Bank of the United States at Natchez for five thousand Dollars. Mr. T. Crisp says about 100 Indians assist at front Chest on the 1st Feby.

M.I. 8 FEB 1832 WASH. D.C.

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July 29

Vicksby 5th Feb. 1832

Sir I have the honor to acknowledge rec.t of the Treasury draft on the Branch Bank of the U. States at Natchez for Five thousand dollars on acc.t of the Removal Subs. of the Choctaw Indians. Mr. J. T. Cox Special Agent is at Point Chicot & under date of the 1st. Inst. informs me of the crossing at that Point of about 100 Indians.

I am Sir
Yr. Ob. Sv.
Wm. Lee D. Ewing
A. C. S. for Gov. Gibson
C. G. S.
W. City

Wm. Gis. Gibson
C. G. S.
W. City

Envy 94 Choctaw

W. S. Colquhoun

Vicksburg 20th Jany 1832

Yours letter of the 30 ultº requesting reduction of his accounts for one quarter Capt Cross writes from point Chicot that 381 individuals have crossed there make an aggregate about the number over 4000 that just returned from the Yazoo, and from best information there is not the least hope of making a road from any point on the Choctaw nation to Chicot. Beg leave to suggest that the same order be taken as last year

As soon as he settles his business will proceed to the Choctaw agency in order to prepare for the next movement

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Wm S Colquhoun

Vicksburg Jan 20. 1832

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Rec'd 11th Feby

Vicksby 25th Jany 1832

Sir

Your letter of the 30th ult. I have just rec'd that part of it, requiring the rendition of my acct at the end of each quarter I anticipated by forwarding the same with vouchers, on the 4th of this month closing the business for the 4th quarter of the year. My object in furnishing the Department with Statements is to keep them advised constantly of the disposition of the funds entrusted to my charge.

Capt Sires' party from Point Chicot that 388 Indians had crossed there this fall, which will make the aggregate emigration about that number over 4000. He will remain there until the Mississippi overflows too high to cross

the Swamp.

I have just returned from the Yazoo & from best information I can obtain there is not the least hope of making a wagon road from any point in the Chactaw nation to Chicot & beg leave to suggest that the same route be taken as heretofore.

As soon as I settle & close the business here & the river rises too high for any more Indians to cross the swamp I shall proceed to the Chactaw Agency, in order to be early in preparing for the next movement.

Allow me to express my best acknowledgements for the assurance of confidence in your letter, for the manner of conducting the emigration this fall

in which I have borne a part, to say in our future
operations that no exertions shall be left unused to bring the same to a successful termination.

I am very respectfully
Yr. Mo. Ob. Svt
W.m J. Galbraith
Spl. Indn Agent

Gen Geo. Gibson
C.G.S.

Envig 95 Cherokees
Capt L.B. Clark

Cant. Towson Jany 19. 1832

Rec'd letter of the 10th Inst
[redacted]
certificate as to the Safety
Mrs Douglass having
been employed as Superintendent
of wagons &c

Rec. March 23

Cantonment Towson
January 19th 1832.

General

I this day had the honor of receiving your letter of the 10th December ultimo, enclosing copies of letters in relation to the claim on the United States of the late Mr. W. Douglass for his services whilst in charge of public Wagons, and herewith enclose a certificate as to the fact of his having been continued in charge of the Wagons by me, from the time he reported his arrival at the Mouth of White river Arkansas Territory, until on or about the 20th day of August 1831. at which time he informed me by letter that he had received an appointment to value cattle in the Choctaw nations, and that he would accept the same.

Mr. Douglass informed me that certain iron pins, bolts, &c, appertaining to the Wagons had been lost by the transporter from Louisville, to the Mouth of White river, which I directed him to have made to replace the loss, and intended myself to pay for them, but presume they were paid for by him, as no accounts for those articles has ever been presented to me for payment. I am unable to state the amount of Blacksmith work done, but have the greatest confidence in any statement or memorandas, left by Mr. Douglass

in relation to that matter.

I know nothing of the charge of $35. for putting the Wagons together at the mouth of Big White river, that appears to have been an arrangement between Capt. Taylor and Mr. Douglass.

Unless it was understood between Capt. Taylor and Mr. Douglass that the per diem allowance was to cover all expences, I consider that he was entitled to pay for his expences from the Mouth of Big White river to Little Rock, and returning to the mouth of White river, whilst performing a journey at my request, as it was entirely of a public nature.

It was my intention after receiving the Wagons from Mr. Douglass, to have continued him in public service as Wagon Master, provided I could make him offered him a better situation.

I am Sir,
With Great Respect
Your Mo. Obt. St.
J. B. Clark
Capt. 3 C Infty.

Genl. George Gibson
Com. Genl. of Subsistence
Washington, City

Capt. L. B. Clark's
Certificate in relation to
the services of Capt Wm
Douglass.

I Certify that the late Mr. William Douglass who was employed by Captain Joseph P. Taylor of the U.S. Corps, and placed in charge of public Wagons to be delivered to me, was continued in public Services by me, from the time he reported to me his arrival at the Mouth of White river, Arkansas Territory, until on or about the 20th day of August 1831. and that he was in my opinion entitled to the per diem allowances fixed upon by Captain Taylor from the date of his employment, until on or about the 20th day of August 1831.

J. B. Clark
Capt 3d Infty.
late Supty Cho Removal Subs of Indians

Emig. of Choctaws

Gen. George Gibson
C. G. S.
Washington City
D. C.

Memphis Feby 9th
1832

Emig. of Choctaws

Gen. Coffee has left
for Washington Feby 9th 1832
Has received blank rolls and
&c. The contracting Agent pro-
ceeding to the Choctaw nation with
blank enrollments to be signed
by all who emigrate this fall &
winter. Should that Agency
emigrate this year. You will
be wanting Vouchers that those
rolls will be duly executed
to Washington which must from
the Agent at Vicksburg will
be transmitted to the agents
from the sides of the river, are not
authorized to control & conduct
a party of emigrants on Board
a Steam Boat from Memphis
or Vicksburg to Fort Towson
Little Rock or Cole & Yell

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March 2

Vicksby Feb. 9th 1832.

Sir

Since my last little acknowledging receipt from the Treasury for Five Thousand dol. has nothing has occurred worth communicating. But in order to keep you advised of my progress & intentions I shall feel it incumbent on me to write at least once a week & oftener if necessary.

I have not yet closed all the accts here, but shall have done so in less than a week, when I contemplate proceeding to the Choctaw Nation, with Blank enrolments to be signed by all those who emigrate this Fall & Summer, by this means & printing out the plans of assemblage, and the day for taking up the lists of marks, a more correct & certain result will be obtained regarding the supplies of Transportation & Subsistence. Believing at least 10.000 will emigrate this year. Each will again be wanting & I have to request that those now in use (west of the Miss.) be collected & forwarded to Vicksby or other be sent from the Quarter Masters dept.

at New Orleans. I have found by experience at
that the nearest route is by the Ote de Fabre
but it is [illegible] that the movement of so large
a body of emigrants be conducted by at least
two routes. The nearest for the agents east of the
Miss would be to the Post of Arkansas.
I wish to be distinctly informed whether the
agents from this side of the river are not au-
thorised to control & conduct a party of
emigrants on board of a Steam Boat from
Memphis or this place to Fort Smith Little
Rock or the Cote de Fabre". I ask this
because Capt Brown has manifested much
displeasure at the mere suggestion of aid from
this side the river either in subsistence or trans-
portation. In reply to him I have disclaimed any
intention to infringe on his rules & begged him to
believe in the harmonious cooperation of the agents
engaged in the emigration as utterly essential to
the accomplishment of our common object.

As I shall soon locate myself in
the Chactaw nation letters will find me

at the Choctaw agency.

Sam Sw

Jr: ob: serv.

Wm S. McGahowan

Spc. Indn Agent

, acting Supt E. M.

I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter from Sam Swan-

ny to

unto to

Gen. Geo. Gibson

Com Gen. of S

W. City

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Envy 97 Choctaw

Jno
Gen George Gibson
Comy Gen of
Washington City
D. C.

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Rec? 21 March

Vicksby 20th Feby 1832.

Sir,

In my last I advised you of my intention to proceed in a few days to the Chickasaw agency. Since then Mr. Everett one of the asst. Agents who accompanies the Indians to the Arkansas returned to this place on his way to Alabama where he resides & informed me that Capt Jacob Brown Engineer west of the Mississippi would pass this place shortly on his way to see Col. Gratiot with a view to future operations. He wishes therefore to meet him. I shall restrain sometime longer I hope by doing so to produce beneficial results & prevent any future misunderstanding.

Owing to the neglect of Capt Shirley (the individual whose steam Boat was em-

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employed by Mr Creed to take the Sketches
who crossed the Swamps from Vicksburg to
the Washita river from the Post of Mr Washita
to the Lake de Tabre (a distance of 210 miles
by water in two trips) to call for his
money amtg to $2500 & shall be that
will be obliged to remain here until
he returns from New Orleans

Col Everett informed me that (excepting
Pettigrew's party of about 500 who went
up the Arkansas to Fort Smith) all
the Volunteers who engaged to have
with the Col of Steamer & Barge
arrived in the vicinity of Mr Ste-
phenson depot. I have by me
the names of the Commutators
which I wish to be forwarded how
they are to be disposed of - Would

it not be well to send them to Lieut.
Stephenson, in whose hands money
might be placed to pay them. By
such an arrangement the money they
receive would remain in the nation, or
the other hand if they were to receive it
at Little Rock they might lose it
or at least get very little benefit
from it.

Sam Lee

Jr. M.O. 66 Ser.
Wm. Colquhoun
Spl. Ag. Asst. Supt.
East Miss.

AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

R. S. Colquhoun

Vicksburg Feby 29

Free

Hon. George Gibson

C.G.S.

Washington City

D. C.

Respectfully Submitted

R. S. Colquhoun

Assistant Surgeon

1838

Rec'd 21 March

Vicksby Feby 29 1832

Sir

A week ago I received a letter from the office of the Second Auditor advising the transmission of a Treasury Draft for Four thousand dollars & having heard nothing of it since, conclude it may either miscarried or may been detained at the Treasury. My loss having paid about 1500 $, my estimate will be found excessive about 2000 $ if the above draft comes safe to hand. It seems to be the desire of the Indians to make an early start this summer & I leave written to Col. Gaines to ascertain his views on the subject. When I go up into the nation it is my design to confer again with the leading men & to pursue the same course as formerly, consulting & agreeing to their

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wishes so far as my instructions will permit
me. I must very soon advertise for Proposals
for supplying rations & wish to be informed
distinctly what the ration shall consist of
I ask this, because Col. Gaines told me
he had a letter directing the issue of
a pound of Corn & I am informed only
a Pint was issued to the Emigants
West of the Mississ. Be pleased to
instruct me definitely respecting the
disposition of the Cattle to be rec.d from
the Agent for valuing & killing the
Cattle. Until I am informed differently
I am bound to presume that none will
be issued to the Indians but beef
Cattle by which I mean Steers
& heifers. Perhaps it would be better
to dispense with a Contractor altogether? if so, please let me know

with in time.

It will require a numerous train of wagons this year - I judge to be cause some half breed folks moved in their own [illegible] persons as have returned by this plan they, the government agents will have to move them hereafter, the allowance of Ten dollars being far short of their expense.

The excess (when the 200 $ draft arrives) will be about $2900 at the end of this quarter which will remain in the Bank.

I am Sir
With great respect
Yr. mo: ob: ser:
O. M. Gibson
Ag. Ch. Agent

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Wm. S. Colyar Esqr.
Nashville
Vicksburg 2 March 1862

Dear Sir
I am glad to hear
from you
Yours truly

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Rec'd March 24th.

Vicksburg 5th March 1832

Sir

The last mail brought to hand the draft from the Treasy for Two thousand dollars noted in my letter of the 29 ult.

Foster a half breed Choctaw informs me that many of the people are anxious to start this spring for their new Homes. That they have no Corn & must depend on a more Sa supplies. An Indian came in yesterday reported that Greenwood Leflore had been killed. I do not believe it—

I have found by experience that Indian Chorsey can be taken into the hold of a Steam Boat. As a matter of necessity it was obliged to be done during the long Encampment spell of bad weather in December. The Steam Boat could no more & the Indians can be carried down from Memphis & this plan ~~is~~ to the Post of Arkansas or Little Rock

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The first of May will be time enough to
commence the movement. Be pleased to
inform me whether it will be advisable?

I am Sir
with great esteem respect
Yr. Ob. Svt.
O. M. Colquhoun
Spl. Ind. Agent

Emig^n 100 Choctaw

W. S. Colquhoun

Vicksburg

March 12 1832

Encloses acct. Accounts & Vouchers for 1 Quarter of 1832 Having paid every cent due on acct of the Removal of Indians the balance of $ 69 remains in the Bank for the next emigration Remarks that he has not commenced a new year the Department

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Vicksburg 2d March 1832

Sir

Enclosed herewith you will receive my acct current & Vouchers for the 1st Qr of 1832.

Having paid off every cent due on acct of the removal of the Indians, the balance of 2769 35/100 remains in the Bank ready for the next emigration.

I have only to remark in conclusion that I have not as communication from the Department since that of the 30th Decem. We received letters & papers at this place (via, New Orleans by the Mobile route sooner at times than by Huntsville & Nashville. Hoping my accts may be found correct I remain very respectfully

Yr. Mo. Ob. Servt.

Gen. Geo. Gibson
C.G.S.
Washington City

Wm. Gabaud
Ind. Agt

Emig^n 101 Choctaw

Choctaw Agency
Miss.

Thos. Griffin Esq.
Chief Clerk
Washington City

Choctaw Agency 11th April 1832

Acknowledges receipt of 6th March promises adherance to rules therein laid down - says 10000 will move the fall, leaving 6 hund. or 400 - at Le Bucher enrolment will be 2000 - On the Yazoo 12 or 1500, at this place about 2000. will set out about 15th sept^r - wants supply of tents & a few Musquetoe Bars for the Sick - wishes to know quantity of corn to the ration - asks instructions relative to cattle, the Indians whom will of Miss: expect to receive the same number & kind of cattle as those they have given up.

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Rec'd 27 April

Choctaw Agency 11th April 1832

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th March referring to the duties of the Agt to be employed in the Indian emigration & have to reply that hereafter as far as I am able the most faithful adherence shall be given to the rule laid down.

I have distributed blank Enrolments in every direction & expect at least 10,000 will move this coming Fall leaving behind some 3 or 4000 a class who take citizenship & others who wander about in the neighborhood of towns hunting & picking cotton

At the Rendesvous on the L. Rusher Creek 50 miles below this I shall ascertain my Enrolment will contain 2000 On the Yazoo at Black Creek 1200 or 1500 & at this place about 200 -

It is the wish of the Indians to start a month earlier than last year – they want to go entirely by land, are averse to Steam Boats as usual – I have named on or before the 15th September. Col. Gaines purchased a quantity of Cotton Canvass or rather Cotton Osnaburgs for Tents last winter. The Indians were delighted with the Tents furnished them & will expect another supply. Please say whether they will be ordered also a few Musquito Bars for the sick. These insects (Musquitoes) will be unsupportable to the people from the hill Country (in this section) we have passing through the Swamps. The Tents owing to the uncommon severity of the winter have been too much worn & burnt to be again used as I am informed by those who have returned.

I am still misinformed as to the quantity
of Corn to the nation & that I may state it
to the proper authority. I have received no
instructions relative to a change in the Cattle—
I have written to Col. Gaines at Mobile
several times without hearing from him.
Capt Brown passed Pitchlynn a few
days since on his way to New Orleans
having left there I did not see him.
I have sent Major Mary Foster a half
breed Chactaw with an enrolment of
the Cazos where I feel confident of
success. — Some doubt have been often
expressed in regard to the Cattle article
in the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit. The Indians
expect to receive West of the Miss: the
same number & kind of Cattle they give up
here to the Cattle agent.

I am Sir Yr: mo: ob. servt
W.S. Colquhoun,
Asst Agt. A.G. of Choctaws

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Emig 102 Choctaws

Gen. Wm. L. Colquhoun

Choctaw Agency 15th Sept. 1832

Lieut St. J. R. Stephenson

Margins of Commutation Tickets

remarks relative to the 10 ¢ paid

them after removal &c. Names

Doctr. J. B. Earl thereto Col.

Gaines declining resign his

situation.

April 3th

Choctaw Agency 15th April 1832

Sir I have sent the Margins of all the Commutation Tickets which have been issued East of the Mississippi to Lieut James R. Stephenson Agent P. & Subs of Indians at Little River Lick Post Office Sevier County Arkansas T.; having been informed by Col. D. Folsom just returned from there that funds had been sent there to pay them off. The number issued amts to 705 Indians & 11 negroes deducting 10 given up leaving 747 Indians & 11 negroes from which I am induced to believe a few more have not been used & perhaps will yet be given up as insufficient to move those who took them Many Indians I am informed have moved without them believing they would be paid the 10$ on proper proof being shown of their having removed at their own expense The Indians by experience have learned that 10$ is quite insufficient to move them to

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their new homes & the increase of the sum would not avail much as without the money is paid to them when they start they are unable to travel; but if it was at least one half of them would spend it before they got to the end of their journey and many before leaving the water. The arrangement I think would cause some embarrassment to the general removal by inducing numbers to put off removing to some more convenient period.

I have not heard lately from Col. Gaines but hope he will continue to control the emigration. Should he abandon it I beg leave to name Doctor Joseph B. Earle who lives somewhere between Demopolis & Mobile as a competent person to fill his place. Communication can be made to him through Col. Gaines. I am Sir Yr. Mo. Ob.

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Corrs. 103. Choctaw

Ft. a. Folgue Loua

20th Sept. 1832.

Choctaw Agency.

A. T. Cross left here for Georgeville -
100 Indians left it - expects a large
emigration next fall - Sent Major
Foster with an enrolment - owing to a
late Law of Miss. the Indians suffer
many inconveniences &c. from
Speculators & others. at Point
Chicot 126 movers tickelled - think
about 5000 past to the Mississippi
requests meaning of 16th Art. Treaty.
Jarvis Rabbit.

Rec'd 8 May

Choctaw Agency 20th Apl. 1832

Sir

Mr. Lieut. J. Cook of Genl Jno. Hunt's left here yesterday for Georgeville from which place he will proceed into the settlement of the Indians between Big Black & Yazoo River. Georgeville is contiguous to the Indian line & the neighborhood abounds in wagons & waggoning Provisions. A party of 100 went from there last year & I have little doubt of a large emigration this fall from that point. Hearing under-stood that a large party might be desirable to go this Spring I sent Major Moses Payne & the Chief with an Enrolment to ascertain the fact. I have just heard from him stating that not more than ten or twelve families would go. I of course Suspended the Project. Owing to the Law of the State of Mississippi passed at the last Session granting permission to the whites to settle in the

Choctaw nation [illegible] have [illegible] in & are squatting on the lands in all directions, some of the settlers have brought waggons & are very sick & a few have already been laid only on the Tombigbee at Grange Bluff called Gainesville. Numerous disputes have arisen in the various trades & bargains between the whites & Indians in no instance, a white man father of a half-breed widow woman claims the right to sell all her property under letters of administration, by which he has sold a negro woman & 40 head of cattle she came here & complained - Mr Ward that we would [illegible] him to restore the property but to interfere with her in future or quit the nation forthwith. Many have purchased stock & the claims of the Indians & paid only a small part promising the balance on the confirmation of the title - This is to cause endless litigation or a loss of the balance due to the Indians.

No person is more averse than I am

to remove the Indians speedily, but if the
Laws of the U. States could prevail a year
longer than as dictated by the treaty, it would
give a chance to the Indians, to contract the
unjust bearing of the laws of Mississippi
over them.

Col. David Folsom particularly requests
me yesterday to apply for a half a dozen
copies of the treaty of Dancing Rabbit
Creek - it gives the land speculator hand
hook to every one they could find in
the nation.

"Mr Crow Agt. Agent Tusketo 126 moves
at Point Christ making the number of Head
who went on this own footing 873. & 11 Negroes
I have no doubt upwards of a 1000
own on this reserves with & without titles
& that about 5000 passed (altogether) the
Mississippi"

Col. Folsom requests me to enquire particularly the true meaning of 18th Art. of the treaty.
in which it is said to be optional to remove
money or Cattle West of the Miss. that it
was distinctly understood that they were

to receive the same number & kind back
of the Miss. they gave up here. The meaning
was given to it that you had some doubts
as to prevail upon the Indians as
ancient to have removed before they gave
their cattle up.

I am Sir
Yr. ob. Servt.
Wm. S. Colquhoun
Sp. Agent

103.

Gen. George Gibson
C.G.S.
W. City

Coming 10th Choctaw

Ft. Leavenworth 1832

Choctaw Agency 22d Sept.

Pas-hoo-ma with his party & those
wish to embark at Vicksburg for
Red River settlement- those for
Arkansas at post Da Memphis
and to relative to receiving cattle
from the Indians

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May 7th

Choctaw Agency 22 of April 1832

Sir

The brother of Nitakechi from the South Eastern district is now here with Mr. Jazan several Captains. Par. koo. ma is his name, he has a large party and came up concerning his annuity & obtain information as to the time of assembling for removal &c. From these people & others I have conversed with, all the emigrants who intend removing to Red River are desirous to embark at Vicksburg & ascend the Washita & land their horses through to the Post of Washita. On the other hand those who intend to settle on the Arkansas are desirous of going by the way of Memphis crossing at that point with the waggons pursuing that course to Little Rock and Fort Smith. Some of course will

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cross at Point Chicot & many land
at the mouth of White River &
Post of Arkansas.

It is understood that Col. Byrne
does not intend to give certificates
to the Indians for the cattle they
deliver up for valuation & sale
I have not seen that gent. but
I fear if he pursues that course
the Indians will not give up
their cattle & their emigration, be
materially retarded — To identify
the party who gave up the cattle a
certificate would aid very much &
every one acquainted with the
Indian Character knows how long
they will keep a paper & how secure
be it ever so unimportant. The

record would always check a counterfeit. Those who gave up their cattle last year obtained certificates from Maj. Dowding the Agent temporarily appointed by A.C. Ward. These certificates showed the number quality & kind given up. I hope my mentioning the matter to you will not interfere with any arrangements of the Ch. Department, my only motive being to clear the way for the removal. I have as yet received no instructions relative to the Cattle to be sent. If any are turned over, men will have to be hired to attend to them until they are used up in the removal. I am Sir Yr. most ob. Svt.

Wm. Coffin Jun.
Supt. Agent

Evening 105 Choctaw

S. F. Cross.

Dooky Stand Miss.
Apl. 26. 1832.

Enclosed Quarterly Returns to 24
Apl. 1832. ——

Genl. George Gibson
Comsy. Gen. Subst.
Washington City
D.C.

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Doaks. Stand Miss.
April 26. 1832

Sir

I Herewith enclosed my Quarterly return of Disbursements for Subsistence of Indians &c, up to the 24 April 1832 inclusive, together with my account current, all of which is respectfully submitted

As my labours for the present will be principaly in the Western District I shall occasionally be at this place (Doaks Stand Miss.) when you will please address me, if you should wish to communicate

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
G. T. Brooks
Sub Ind Agent

The United States

1831 To Sam[l]. T. Cross

Octr 29.	For Expenses for Transportation from Madison La: to Hankins in the Choctaw Nation dist: 600 miles @ 10 cents p[r]. Mile	60	—
Novr 25	For expenses travelling in the Choctaw Nation collecting Indians and removing them to Vicksburg Miss: from 29 Octr. till 25th Novr. for self and Horse	47	63
Decr 9	For 13½ days boarding on board the Choctaw while transporting Indians from Vicksburg Miss: to Coteau fabrie A.T.	13	50
" "	For 13 days Board for self & Hands at Coteau fabre	7	75

1832

Janr. 4th	For 9 days boarding on the Talma, while engaged in transporting Indians from Monroe La: to Coteau fabrie and returning to Vicksburg Ms:	9	00
" "	For 110 days service as Special Agent commencg. 17th day Sept: 1831 and ending 4th day of January 1832 inclusive at $ 4.. per day	440	00
		$577	88

Received 1833

of Samuel T. Cross Special Indian Agent of the United States for the removal and Subsistence of Indians Five hundred and Seventy Seven dollars and Eighty Eight cents in full of the above account.

Duplicate

To

John D. Boyd Esqr.

Choctaw Nation

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Dear Sir Head Qrs 6th Mi.
June 19. 1862.

John D. Boyd Esqr

Sir. An error appears in your ap. rendered for service last fall at Vicksburg Mi. which I am enclose to you; if this is a mistake, you will please amend the account, and certify to the same at the bottom of the bill.

You will also please state the cause of the reason, and change of figures in the deficiency bill spoken of, and communicate the same to me as soon as possible

Yours Respectfully
Signed C. F. Cross
Asst. Qr. Mr.

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1831

J. D. Rayas

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Withdrawn substituted by a
Correct Voucher

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The United States

1831 To O. H. Ray Dr

For 3 days services as Clerk in Adjt the
Accts of Wright & Ragsdale contractors
of the emigrant Choctaws commencing
the 23d and ending the 26th Nov. 1831
Both days inclusive — — — $2.50

Rec. at Vicksburg Miss 26th Nov. 1831 of
T. G. Gross Agent &c. Ast. four Dollars
in full of all Accts

Signed Duplicate

O. H. Ray

To Saml. S. Heroy Esq. Postmaster

Dukes Stand

Miss.

1832

Chesterville

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At Home Miss 21st June 1832

Dr Sir

Yours of the 17th Instant is before me enclosing a bill and receipt of mine, which you ask me to alter in case I find the same to be amended, which I most readily do and will with pleasure conform to your request, and do say that having done the days service as Clerk, After the bill was rectified, you handed me the bill and I made the alteration in figures without attending that part of the receipt to correspond with the bill, I have send you a bill and receipt which is correct No 13, and the bill with the erasure - you may consider void, - I Remain Sir Your Friend

To Genl P Pitchlynn
Special Indian Agent
Washington Miss

John L Boyd

Emig 190 Choctaw

Wm. S. Colquhoun

Choctaw Agency 10 May 1832

Encloses 2 provision returns for 280 Rations. - learns that Col: Gaines will probably in May meet with Capt. Brown make suitable arrangements to deliver emigrants to Agents west of the river - mentions several difficulties experienced by Emigrants &c. distributes rations to ascertain number of emigrants, horses &c. Choctaws pleased with their new country - many complaints against the whites who are settling fast - especially from Ala. many improvements fall in 16th - or School section Choctaw lands to about 8,650,000 acres

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May 29th

Chickasaw Agency 10th May 1832

Sir.

Enclosed herewith are two returns for provisions issued to Indians under charge of R. M. Jones & Joseph C. Eads Ass't Agents, for 280 Rations. These rations were issued on the West bank opposite to Vicksburg & should have been forwarded with my returns in the last quarter of 1831.

I have yesterday a letter from Colonel Gaines Superintendent &c informing me that Capt Brown promises to visit here in May when he hopes to arrange with the Captains for the coming removal so as to avoid any further difficulties as to the time & points of delivering the Emigrants into the care of the agents West of the river.

Capt. J. R. Eads he informs me will join again in the work of emigration. He is an able & efficient man besides being wealthy & influencial. The Indians are making but little Corn & there is every indication of a severe & removal this fall"

The Indians have found by experience their
inability to remove themselves or move by a
speedier allowance in money: - for an example
one of the Captains from the Western district
started with a party on their own footing &
after much hardship & a distressing tour
through the swamps nearly all winter
he got as far as Wafers settlement
beyond the Post of Washita. Here this dis-
tress could not be longer borne and they
applied to Mr. Wafer for help, who hu-
manely furnished two wagons & provisions &
took them on to the Choctaw line. The Captain
of the party told Mr. Wafer he would be
paid by the agents who however when
applied to told him no authority to do so.
The result is now shown to be disappointment
throughout. The late emigration has certainly
been expensive, but was owing principally
to the disappointment of obtaining as many
emigrants as wagons had been prepared for,
and to the unusual severity of the winter
which retarded the movement & rendered ne-
cessary many expenditures which would not
in fact have occur under different cir-

ameteurs."

"I have distributed enrolments in every direction with a view to ascertain as nearly as possible the number of emigrants likely to present themselves also the number of waggons they will have to enter.

I had a letter from Capt Fisher a Choctaw a few days since who has just returned from Nacimeche He informs me the Choctaws are very much pleased with their new Country - that it exceeds their expectations."

"A great many complaints from the Indians are made at the agency against the whites who are rapidly settling in every direction - I send you herewith enclosed the Copy of communication addressed to Col. Wood the Agt to show the difficulties the Indians have to encounter in their intercourse with the worthless population squatted in the nation particularly from Alabama - There are many exceptions, but for the most part almost every purchase of cultivation reservations have made small advances to the Indians with a promise to pay the balance when the Indian makes a good title, which can hardly ever be effected owing to the remote residence of the Indians when they remove to the west. I mention this fact that it may

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be recollected when the claims are reported for confirmation." "Many of the Indian improvements & reservations fall into the school or 16th Section. In a new case one section includes two improvements each intitled to a full fractional section - I am asked very often what is to be done in such cases - I have replied that I had nothing to do with it, but that all would have justice at the hands of the Govt"
"The season has been favorable to the Corn crop & I am sanguine in the assurance of plenty of Supplies. In conclusion I have to state that the most flattering prospect is in view of the removal of the Choctaws within the time contemplated by the Government. Mr. Doughty one of the surveyors was here a few days since from a calculation deduced from a map showing the number of Townships it is found that the Choctaw lands amt. to 8.650.000 acres Major Dowling one of the surveyors says the proportion of good land is about equal to any other Country of the same extent."

I am Sir Yr. mo. ob. Servt.

Wm. S. Colquhoun
Spl. Agent

Gen. George Gibson
C.G.S
Washington City

Ennis 10th Schoolcraft

Colquhoun

Choctaw Agency

May 15 1832

Remark

Hotel concerning the manner of procuring & taking care of Cattle for
Agency—has hired 2 Indians to mind
them—thinks much loss and expense
will be incurred by present method.
Encloses no communication thereto
dated 1st April, which

Choctaw Agency
May 16th 1832

Sir — Mr. John W. Byrn the gentleman appointed to sell the Choctaw Cattle sent me word the other day that Col Gains had written him to attend the sale to receive the Beef Cattle I have not received any instructions from Col Gaines, accepting your letter which he forwarded to me some time in December in which it stated. "Whenever a party is ready to remove previously to which those of the Choctaws who are desirous of disposing of their Cattle under the treaty will bring them together when they will be examined and such as are fit for beef turned over to the agent for this purpose."

According to the arrangement of Col Byrn the Chiefs [illegible] to have
[illegible] Beef

it is wanted and drive it a dis- to
tance of from 2 to 300 miles begin- the
ning at Bay Jams on the Tombigbee the
40 miles below Columbus thence to the Je
extreme end of the nation on the Ch
Chickasahay river returning by the
head of Pearl river to Pearl- on
ington thence up to this point or
thence across to the Yellow Busha
at Greenwood Leflore thence to
by the Pidgeon Roost or the old
Natchez trace to Major Pitchlynns
near Columbus. I will require
one or horseback acquainted
with herding of cattle to be
constantly employed to take
charge of them until they
are disposed of. I shall
have to pay one in about

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10 or 15 Acres to Call them & have them watched constantly & with the greatest vigilance it will be impossible to prevent them from escaping to their old range

I shall start in the morning. I have hired 2 Indians or Iroquois to take charge of the Beaver Indians ~~Indians~~ they are afraid to leave more as the number of Beaver increase on our route. I calculate on making one or two pers to send them in on this road so as to meet the wants of the emigrants when they assemble in September next. I am fearful of much loss ~~of~~ suspense on this plan, but will do the best I can to prevent it. I have not had no letter from the Dept. since I left & am

Sir Your Ob. Servt
Wm. F. Cottrell
Agt. &c.

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Evans Choctaw

W. S. Colquhoun

Ist Agent

Choctaw Agency

25 May 1831

Acknowledges Receipt of letters of 3d
Appl. of 5th & 7th May — explains
Differences per Statement — Colo.
Byrn sold Half head Cattle & 20 Cows
and calves — says valuation should
not be put off — Major Coleman
Capt. Bay: Scaly promise to join
Folsoms party — Conducted with
[illegible] notice of engagement
to [illegible]
to prove important [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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June 15

Choctaw Agency
29th May 1832

Sir

On my return here from Colmans Bluff on the Tombigbee where I was attending the Cattle sale, I found your favors of the 30th ult. & by the Courier with their enclosures & now hasten to explain the differences in statement. The 1st & 2nd exceptions are small & I have no way to correct them 3. for the Hire of J Blackwells wagon 5$ difference I send the duplicate thereof with the receipt for 45 instead of 40$. 4th An error I am unable to correct & of course must lose it. 5th 6th 7th 8th & 9th are Silas D. Fishers vouchers to whom I have just written for proof viz: to have the vouchers witnessed by Mr Kelly his father in law or some other man who was with him at the time of the expenditure. I have also made out a return for the 15 Barrs Corn & Pork & 1/2 Bbls flour for him to sign & forward to Capt Noel Gardner is at Skamicha & is very responsible for the Provisions turned over to him at the Post of Washita & which were issued by him to the Indians as they arrived out of the swamp at that place took shelter in Judge Boyes school house which I hired for their accomodation. The earth at the time was covered with a crust of snow & ice & the Contractor was absent at the time & the Indians destitute of Provisions It would be very hard for me to load my

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transaction which humanity as well as duty dictated however irregular it may be. Our duty is certain the Cabin was furnished & consumed by the Indians or disposed properly.

The allowance of Transportation, & forage for the horse rests entirely with the Department. The numerous & different stables the horse has been in and I have had him, some charging me three some another, & indeed me to charge what is allowed in the army. I have sometimes paid a dollar per day or 7 dols a week for him sometimes again 50 cts per day. I concluded I would make a lumping charge of 16 $ per month &. I defy any one to have a horse kept in this Country for less, as he ought to be kept. The postage & Stationary was taken from my memorandum Book & which owing to my change frequently of station & being obliged in Vicksburg to pay for such letters as I send it, the P.M refusing to credit "indiscriminately" I failed to procure receipts & I suppose I must lose it unless I can get obtain them

I have also to plead in excuse the hurry & bustle of the period & the variety of duties I had to perform in attending to the wants of the emigrants & making disbursements for

I have conversed with Col. Reynolds about the 130$ he got from Mr. N. Norwood — he states that he furnished Mr. Norwood with supplies while acting as Contractor through his agent Wm B McClain with upwards of 60$ — that he has always been ready to settle the balance with Mr. Norwood say 70$ but he could neither see nor hear from him — Mr. Norwood lives in Tuscaloosa is rich respectable & of course very able to settle the amount. As soon as arrived in Vicksburg from the nation, Mr. Norwood started with Colonel Gaines party on board the Reindeer for the Arkansas river & as he settled his accounts with Col. Gaines I had little or no transactions with him & of course knows nothing of the 130$ when I paid Wright & Reynolds I will enclose the papers to him & pay the postage urging him to settle the business with Reynolds as soon as possible & enclose a statement to your office & advise me thereof

I joined Col. Byrn 10 days since with two Indian Conductors & proceeded with him to the Cattle sales one of the Indians I found entirely useless & worthless I discharged in 2 days allowing $1 per day for himself & horse to the other I allowed 1.25/ per day for do. do. he remained 6 days & his horse died on the road. I paid him & discharged him. Col. Byrn had valued & sold 1424 Head Cattle & 20 Cows & Calves when he received order to desist. I had arranged the matter to ascertain the Beef Cattle at the place of rendezvous, so that all the rest might have been valued & sold at this time. To put off the valuation to the period of removal I fear will frustrate the benevolent design of the Government to give them Cattle on

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thru side of the Mississippi, as they have generally prepared for the Valuation Sale & Speculators were attending who are now going round purchasing all the cattle in the pens. This may not take place generally but in the case of Maja Coleman & others it has already been done. Maja Coleman & Capt Bon. James have promised me to assemble all their people & march up to the Robinson road where they will join Col. Folsoms Party on its route in September. If there was any possible way of paying the Indians for his horse which died on our route of a surfeit of Corn, I would lose no time in procuring the Proper Proof. He is a poor fellow & although the loss was a casualty to which all are liable, I have no doubt his horse would now have been alive if he had not entered the service. I rec'd a letter a few days since from Col. Joel Nail Chief of the Chickasaha town. He wishes to go by Natchez with his people. Folsom & Netuckachie wish to cross at Vicksburg Geo W Harkins the son in Law of D. Folsom will go the same route with his people & Tom Leflore with the Perrys & M Curtains will assemble near the Pigeon Roost & go to Memphis. I will write again as soon as I hear from Capt Fishes & am

Gen. G. Gibson
C.S.

Sir with great respect
Yr. Obt. Svt.
Wm. Ward Coleman
Capt C.S.

Envy 109 Choctaw

Wm. L. Craighead
Choctaw Agency
2nd June 1832

Acknowledges receipt of 10th Ult.
inclosing letters of Col. Sevier & Capt.
Kerr - Ragsdale says
he is charged with 270# instead of
170# is willing to pay 70# - has written
to Father Gardner - asks for stated
allowance for horse - will deposit
money in the Planters Bank -

Respecting his Accounts

3 Enclosures

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June 1832

Otoctan Agency 2. June 1832

Sir I have the honor to acknowledge the rec.d of your letter of the 30th ult & in accordance with your order to keep you advised of such facts which may come to my knowledge take the liberty of enclosing to you the letter of Lt Col G. Croghan, Capt Hall & Capt Lee to Mc Kenney, the first with reference to any impression of a misunderstanding between Col. & myself, the second shows the views & wishes of Col. Hall in reference to the route he wishes to go thro the new Country & the third & last from Capt Mc Kenney who is one of the most popular leaders in the nation, respecting the cattle &c. Col. Ragsdale told me this morning he was willing to pay the balance due on the 130 $ which he thinks is about 70 $ - He says also that Wolf has been charges or rather Col. Wright his part was charged a settlement with

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~~2708~~ instead of 1708. I dont know how such a mistake could have been made. I saw Mr M Lea (the Asst. Agent who went with the party to Memphis & settles that acct.) a few days since, at the Factory or the Tombigbee, he told me that only 1170 $ was charged Neff. 100$ from Col Gaines & 70$ he paid himself.

I have written to Capt Fitch & Gardner for further proof of the extent of the provisions I have over to them & the Washita & Col Rogsdale has promised me an authenticated statement shewing the necessity of the issue & circumstances in proof of its having been done.

I wish some stated allowance could be made per month for the public horse as it is a matter not easily settled by taking receipts from every individual who feeds him

Such in passing through the nation. I shall be obliged to go to Vicksburg soon to change the deposits of the balance of money in my hands from the Bank of the State of Mississippi which is defunct (for want of Charter) to the Planters Bank.

I am Sir

Yr. Mt. Ob. Sert.

W. S. Colquhoun

Special Agent

Col. Thos. Swift

Genl. Supt. &c. &c.

Sub-Ist

Gen. Geo. Gibson

C. G. S

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Sub N. Nail

to

W. S. Colquhoun

May 3. 1832

Capt W. S. Colquhoun Sp. 6 Ind Agent

old Choctaw Agency

Robertson Road

To Capt the Steamer Lioness a
May the 3 - 1882

Capt W. Holgate

Dear Sir

I Landed at Mobile on the 30 of april; Know on my Way Home I Travelled by Water [redacted] 15 Hundred miles To New orleans Home a cross the Mobile - I Started from my New Home on the 11 of March & Have been much detained - I Have Paid it much my Business To Inquire about the Different Roughts for the Emigrators for the Present Year - I Have Thought that my District on the Southern Side Bitter Land on the Miss - Sissippe at Natchizes or Some Convenient Point Near that Place. as the Great Body of the Sextarians or that District Lies Near the boundry Line or Nearly Soo; When We Remove from the Center of the Body of the People We will be Nearer Natchizes Than To Vicksburg by Several Miles & Would Travel Through an old Settled Part of the Country Which I Must Think Provisions can be obtained for Less Money. If Saw it Will be a great Saving To Government & a Shorter distont for the Indians To Travel) at the Mississippe Then Can be Steem Boats Imployed To Carry all Their Plunder & old [redacted] & Children the Boat Can run up To Monroe in about 2 days & discharge for Load the Stock Can Gow From To Monroe; as I Have Been told that

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Camp near [illegible] a good Summers Ride three to [illegible]
race or to the Post of Washetaw There there
is a good Road to Genr Hulls Where you
directed from Escanaba you can look
at a Map of the country & you will find it
from the Farther distance to the States
Rought. I saw Capt G. S Gains & we talked
about this rought I have stated above
to you - he think favourable and wish
to state to you as I stated to him. If this suit
your views I have no doubt but
all Party will be satisfyed I have no doubt
but you have been thinking about the
different roughts: your opinion on the
various roughts I should like very much
to hear: your early Reply will [illegible] a
Lasting favour of Your friend

Joel Stacy

Capt W. L Colquhoun

N.B. If my friend Capt Cook is in
reach please inform him of my return & would
have or nearly four & inform him that I am well
& Party and wish very much to see him
Your sincere friend

Joel Stacy

No 1

Greenwood Leflore

to

Mr Calhoun

May 22nd 1832

Rankin Miss

May 27

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Capt Calhoun

Special agent

Choctaw agency

Miss.

Rankin May 22th 1832

Dear
fir

I Embrace this opertunity to rite
you a line to inform you that I have
Rec'd your letter by the hand of Mr. Tyson
I should like to do all in my power to
assist you in giting the Choctaws to Emmegrate
to their new home. I am on my way to the
west I shall be gone two months when I
return home I will rite you. then I will
be at your service. I hope you will
visait our section of Country come and.
see me I would be glad to see you
at my house any time you can make
it convinient to call at my house

I remain your Friend

Capt Colquhaun Greenwood. Leflore

Jno McKinney
to
Mr Colquhoun
1 June 1832

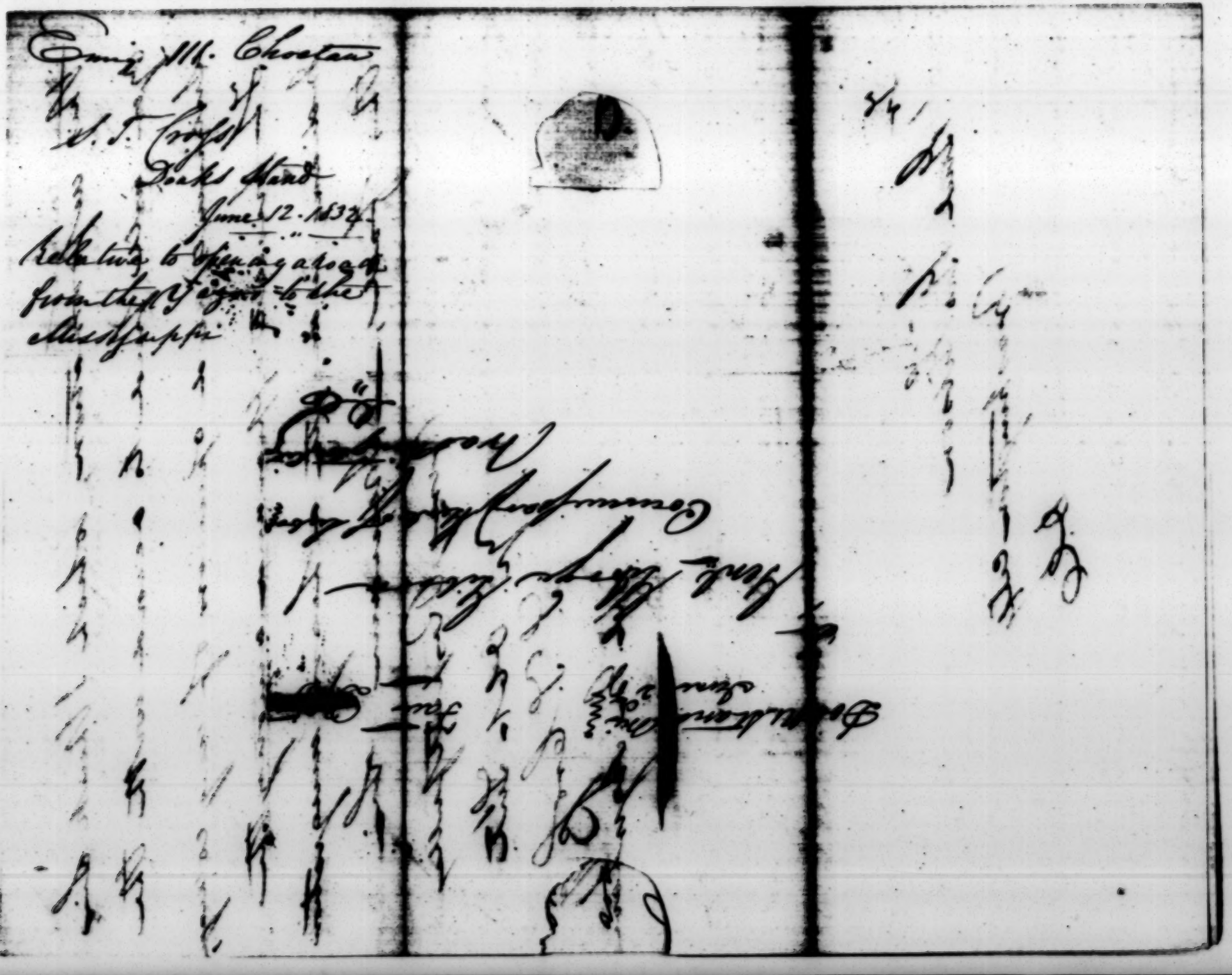
Wm Colquhoun
Chahtaw
Agency

June the first .. 18. 92.

Dear Calhoon sir I heard the
other day that the cattle sales
had bin stoped it makes
me uneasy for I had per-
swaded my people to let
goiernment have their cattle
for if they : sell their cattle
them selves they will spend
the money and when they get
over the mississippie they
will have noway to get
a start of stock if this is
the case it will be a great
disapint ment in deed

sir I wish you to write to me
this day if you please the reason
and what wee will doe about this is
if the sales is put off till
fall wee cant find aurcattle
and wee should hate to leave
thera our little stock would be
a great advantage to us when
we get home Nothing more
but remains yours respectfully
John Mckinney
Wm Calhoon

Mr Calhoon I want you
to write also the rout that
we will have to move this fall
I under stood that we had
to take a new rout I want
to know for we will have
a ball play at my house
on the next sabbath and
I wish to let my people
know which way they will
have to go Come down
and see us play ball
if you can make it
convenient



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Rec'd June 27

Rocky Stand Miss.
Co
June 12. 1832

Sir,

Understanding that application had been, or would be made to the department to have a road opened in the Choctaw Nation from a point on the Yazoo River, to a point on the Missisippi River, opposite Helena in Arkansas Territory, for the special use, and convenience of emigrating Indians who may remove in waggons: I have thought it not out of place to give you my views respecting this contemplated road.

I returned a few days since from that section, & whilst there, I made it my business to get all the information from the best sources I could, respecting the local situation of the lands through which this road would pass, all of which go to say that, it will have to pass through a desperate swamp, at least 60 Miles in extent, uninhabited by any person

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And that it would be almost impracticable, to
make a road sufficient for waggons to pass —
And from my own knowledge, and observation of the
country, I would say, the above information was
correct. And I cannot see that this road would
materially benefit the emigrants, only those who
residing in the North western part of the Nation,
and the most of them, will remove for the com-
mutation allowance, and can work their way
through the swamps on their Horses, without a
road. I would here remark that, I consider
Vicksburg the best, and most central points
for the embarkation of emigrants who
are going up the Arkansa, a up the Arkansa
to Little Rock, a Fort Smith —

Being actuated by no
other consideration, a interest, than that
of the Government for which I am
acting, and the general welfare
of the emigrants, I deemed it my
indispensible duty to give you —

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this information, which I think Sir,
You will find to accord with the
sentiments, and opinion of my colleg,
The present appearance among the
Indians, indicate a large emigration
this fall, — I remain Sir
Very Respectfully
Yr. Obt. Svt.
S. S. Scott
Sfle. In. Agt

To,
Genl. Geo. Gibson
Washington City
D. C.

COPY AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

I enclose Col. Reynolds Affidavit in support of the purchase price of the provisions furnished by me on the Washita river last Winter to Capts Fisher & Gardner which I hope with the additional evidence already forwarded will sustain the expenditure

W. S. C.

I forward you one of the Enrolments referred to in my letter. I thought I had sent one when they were first printed in March last.

W. S. C.

Simon Kenton Esqr
Urbana
Ohio

Col. Commandt
Choctaw Agency
Aug 5th 1832

113.

Col. Lamotte's receipt for the Cherokee funds in possession for the coming payment.

July 23

Choctaw Agency
5 July 1832

Sir

By the last mail I rec'd your letter of the 6th June complaining of the course I have pursued in preparing for the coming emigration of the Choctaw Indians & before I make any explanation I have to assure you that no definitive step has been taken by me & nothing has been done but what may be retracted from if indeed any retraction were necessary Actuated by feelings of anxious solicitude to effect the emigration within the time premised by the Executive, & authorised by your instructions to take such measures generally as might be deemed most effectual towards the promotion of object in view of the Government, I had printed Enrolments struck off and distributed through the whole nation for signatures designating the 15th September as the period of assemblage & the different points as well as the number Indians No. of Horses & No. of wagons belonging to them Their Enrolments to be given by the 1st of August to the Superintendant so that he might be enabled to con-

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ract for the requisite supplies of Provisions Forage
& transportation & to assign to those employed
in the emigration their different stations. I
barely contemplate assigning the station in
the South Eastern district to Doctor J.B. Earle
& if I mentioned it otherwise in my letter it
was an error I assure you Sir I have
made no appointments excepting in the case
of Moses Foster a half bred Indian & one
of great influence in Leflore district I
merely hired him to ride through the
district at the suggestion of several
gentlemen on the Yazoo river who informed me that about
1000 were ready to remove & waited only
for an agent. (this was in March last) as
soon as Major Foster had ascertained
fully that the party could not be
raised until fall he was discharged
When I was on the Tombigbee about 70
miles S. E from this place before I had
rec'd your letter of the 10th ulty Capt
James & Major Coleman two wealthy
men who have numerous adherents around
them informed me they should join Davis
Folsom on the Robinson road near the
agency intending to go by Vicksburg, this
I approved of. This was the only thing

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like an arrangement that I can recollect
of I assure you I have committed myself
in no way whatever as to the point of
assemblage &c. excepting in reference to
the Enrolments. It is true in conversation
with Col. Holcom I have agred with him
merely in opinion, as to route &c. also with others but long
before I got your letter of the 10th
of May I distinctly frequently
stated to all who enquired of me
that nothing would be done until the
new Superintendant was appointed &
present to direct the Emigration
On my return from the Cattle sale 29th
May I rec'd your letter of the 10th of that
month & consequently since that period have
taken no step whatever in crafting to write you
every thing I has previously done & every
thing of intrest which might be suggested
to my mind from experience. I genually
write without much reserve to your de
partment & always endeavor to give you
a faithful statement of every thing
which transpires & hope I may be
still permitted to merit your confidence

I am Sir
with great respect
Yr: Obt. Servt.
Wm. S. Colquhoun
S. S. A.

Gen. George Gibson
C.G.S.
Washington

Enquiry — 114 Choctaw
Wm. S. Colquhoun
Choctaw Agency
July 12th 1832

114

Sends Acc.t Current &c
up to 30th June 1832.

Rec'd 29 July Choctaw Agency 12 July
1832

Sir I enclose herewith my Account Current & Vouchers up to the 30th June 1832. It will be recollected in my acct for the 1st Quarter I omitted to charge my Pay and allowances, they are therefore introduced into the enclosed account.

I am Sir
Yr. Ob. Svt.
Wm S. Colquhoun
S. C. A.

Gen. Geo. Gibson
C. G. S
Washington

P.S. We have abundant shows of rain and a flattering prospect for Crops of Corn. —

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Emig^n Choctaw

J. T. Cross.
Oaks Stand
June 23rd 1832.

Respecting his Own Accounts

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Rec'd July 11

Doaks. Stand

June 23. 1832

Sir

I have enclosed you papers relating to my Quarter Return up to 31st December 1831, which was forwarded to me to account.

I would here remark, that owing to the peculiar circumstances under which the emigrants with their Horses, and Cattle moved, I have made out as correct a return of subsistence, and forage that was purchased, and issued to them, as the case would warrant, which I believe in the whole to be entirely true.

From my own account you will see, I have neither charged Contingencies, transportation, or forage for Horses, which I ask leave to submit to you at some future time, after I shall have received instructions from you, what to charge for forage &c. On these points I have had no instructions from the Department, consequently acted on instructions from others

Attest Brooks

1— 9— This Amt. is withdrawn from Amt. of Abstract now at Department also $30.— Quarter U. S. in acct. current (by Col Gaines) is withdrawn

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Abstract. Voucher
1 — 11 — This is a bill and Receipt for Horse, Saddle, and
bridle &c. to accompany Certificate No. N now at the
Department

Ans 16 Certificate to accompany Voucher 16 now at the Department
" 26 Certificate to accompany Voucher 26 now at the Department
" 46 Certificate & Bills, Nos 1. & 2 to accompany Voucher 46 now at Department

Abstract. Voucher
13 Bills, Receipts & Vouchers, also the correspondence
relative to the Account

All of which are respectfully submitted, and
hope they will be satisfactory, should you wish
further evidence of the Issue of Provisions &c. made in
my return, I will perhaps be in my power, in the course
of the summer, to procure from some Gentlemen who were
along at the time. Anticipates to that effect
when the same to be [illegible]

Yr. Obt. St.
S. T. Cross
Spl. In. Agent

To
Genl. Geo. Gibson
Washington City
D. C.

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× Envg Choctaw

A. T. Cross

Doaks Stand

June 23rd 1832

Respecting Earl & McAlpin's

Accounts.

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Rec'd 11 July

Doaks Stand Miss
June 23. 1832

Sir

Your communication addressed to Dugald McAlpin, and Jos. T. Earle, together with deficient papers which were sent under cover to me, and for me to act on, was received.

Not knowing whom Mr. McAlpin resides, I cannot address him, but would remark in answer to your enquiry from whom he received $3.86 credited U.S. in his ap. account & that, that Amt. was received by McAlpin for Corn sold belonging to U.S. which Amt. was accepted in lieu credited to the Amt of issues. In reference to voucher 8 in his ap. Current, it is not in my power to do anything with, the nature of the transaction however explains itself, and as the party cannot be come at, I hope the bill will be received by the Department, particularly as neither the Government, or the party, gaining or loose anything

I have written to Mr. Jos. T. Earle, and his statement respecting the disposal of the Flour, Hoes, shall be

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forwarded as soon as read.

I will here state however, that the Horn which is the subject of your enquiry, was turned over by him to me, and found by me as reported in my Provision return. herewith sent

Very Respectfully
Yr. Obt.
S. J. Crosby
Supt. Ind. Agents

To,
Genl. Geo. Gibson
Comr. Genl of Subs.
Washington City
D. C.

Emig. Choctaws

W. S. Colquhoun

Choctaw Agency

20th June 1832

Choctaw Agency

June 20

Rob. Lovins

Explanatory of Fishers Accounts.

General George Gibson

D. C. G. Subs.

Washington City

D. C.

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Rec. July 13

Choctaw Agency 20th June 1832

Sir I have just returned after through the nation from Kiskatuny where I went to transfer the deposit from the State Bank which is deposited to the Planters Bank. On my route I met with Capt Silas D. Fisher the Choctaw Captain to whom I turned over the Corn & Tobacco at Grand a the Washita. He will be here in a few days & make a return.

Last fall it was asked of me what Indians who had wagons would be permitted to enter them I of course assented & several were entered, among others those of Capt Fisher - After landing on the Washita they returned on from the Ecor de Fabre to this Establishment pasturing on the same allowance they obtained on this side the river. Capt Fisher complains that Capt Brown has refused to pay any of the wagons employed in the transportation or any respecting appertaining to the emigrants who landed at the Ecor de Fabre consisting of the parties of Col. Nail, Capts Hankins & Fisher number about 1200. if this, as I have respectfully to remark that some steps ought to be taken for this payment through some other channel —

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I saw Capt Brown at Vicksburg a few days since – I wished him to say what point on the west bank of the Mississippi he wished to reserve the Pilot[illegible] at told him it would be very important to have them designated in time & mentioned Helena a point (in which he concurred with me) as inaccessible from the side with wagons & less by approaching within a short distance of Memphis (say 12 miles) & covering the river down.

The crops of Corn would be more than usually abundant if we could have a handful a drop of rain which has fallen since to New Orleans since the 20th May.

At the close of this month I will forward my Quarterly account.

I am Sir with great respect Yr. Mo. Ob. Servt

Wm S. Colquhoun
Lt. U. S. A

P. S. The Superintendent has not yet arrived nor do I know who he is except unofficially - Every thing is in confusion and the Indians constantly holding Councils & Whole plans, where Whisky is openly sold & drunkenness prevails to an extent beyond any thing we before experienced. Numerous parties of Indians pass the agency every week with Whisky packed on Horses from Lodge Pole Creek. I learn the ops have retired the little interior de- tachments they caused, has escaped & the most unrestrained violation of the laws has resulted with a perfect defiance of the authority of the agent.

The District Judge Nicholy held court at Columbus in May & expressly declared all the laws of the U. States in the Choctaw nation null & void. I report this on the best authority.

Respy
W. G

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Ens. Choctaw

W. S. Colquhoun

Choctaw Agency

22 June 1832

Enclosing J. D. Fisher's Return of pork, flour & Corn.

Asks a specific allowance for keeping a public Horse

Rec'd 19 July

Choctaw Agency 22 June 1832

Sir I herewith enclose Capt. Silas B. Fairbanks Returns & vouchers for the 4 Bbls Pork 1/2 Bbl flour & 15 Bushels Corn rec'd & issued by him at the Ecore de Fabre. He informs me he gave a certificate of the issue to S.T. Crews Esq Asst. D.A.G. He has made oath to the rect. for Forriage & the expenses for affidavit before Col Ward Indian Agent & with on the back of a duplicate of the account & which is herewith enclosed. As soon as I receive the return of Capt Noel Gaudens the Provisions issued at Longpoint on the Washita will be accounted for — I have deducted the 1.20 cents error in one of the Forriages.

Permit me to ask for a Sheriffs allowance for the Public Horse it being almost impossible for me to obtain Forage from every one when travelling through the Country & if a failure should occur in one or two instances in a month it would be a loss to me — The reason I charge 16 P day the army allowance for forage & defy any one to keep a horse for less in this Country unless he lets him run out half the time when he would be liable to be stolen & other injuries. The horse is a very fine one & I take a great deal of pains with him. I hope you will take

matter into consideration.

I am Sir
Yr: Ob: Sv:
Wm: S. Colgaloun
Speaker H. Reps

Emig.ⁿ 119 Choct

W. S. Colquhoun
Choctaw Agency
July 9th 1832

Speaks of the sale of
Indian Cattle.
presume that as Mr.
Everett is Col Gains
Nephew, he settled the
acct of the $300 with
Gains —

Colquhoun — presumes
that as Mr Everett is Col
Gains' Nephew he settled
the acct for $300 with him

Rec'd 18 July

Choctaw Agency 1st July 1832

Sir

Your letter of the 4th June with its inclosures I have rec'd & in reference to its contents purporting the Valuation & Sale of the Choctaw Cattle I have only to add to my letter of the 29th May that if the Valuation & Sale is only to take place when a party is ready to remove an agent for each ten dis[trict]s will be required to perform the duty the stations & rendezvous being so far from each other for a single individual to do it. If the emigration was gradual & would continue without regard to season, it would perhaps be easy to dispose of the Cattle at the rendezvous, but according to the arrangement of the treaty the period for assemblage & removal is the same all through the nation so that the whole emigration for the year is on the road at the same moment & time full of excitement and very unfit for the collection valuation & sale of the cattle. The dry weather soon destroys the range in the highland & the cattle retire to the Cane & Reed brakes on the water courses where they remain all the winter & are hard to be driven from by the most expert herdsmen. Even now owing to the drought the Cattle fail to come up to the plows as formerly during the Spring & commencement of Summer.

The advertisement of Col. Ogden &c. forbidding the Cattle, caused the Indians to collect & pen them to have them valued & sold & it also induced many persons to come into the nation to buy them &

as soon as he quit selling;- the Indians not choosing
to let their Cattle out of the pens sold them (for the
most part) to those speculators who were attending the
sales. On my way through the nation I met a few dragging
drove of Beef Cattle said to be on their way to New Orleans
I am of opinion in any event that the number of Cattle
for valuation & Sale by the Agent will be very much re-
duced & the benevolent intention of the treaty to give them Cattle
in their new Country frustrated in part. The money they get
will be spent for whiskey & property they cant move.
I did not think I should have again troubled you
with the Cattle business but it's close connexion with
the removal of the Indians required exposition & that
hereafter we may ascribe the proper cause for the failure
of our object should it occur.

Col. Ward who is recently from Washington
City informs me that 2 Wagons only are allowed
to each 100 emigts. It appears to me to be impossi-
ble to estimate correctly as to the quantity of
transportation necessary for movers so diffuent in
their amount of moveable property. I feel assured
that less than 3 wagons to the 100 will not answer
and I do hope that no lack of transportation
will be permitted. The Indians will say by
the Treaty, they and their effects were to be
removed in Wagons & Steamboats (expressly)
their is our property & you must remove it?
I hardly know how I can refuse it, but
of course should be governed by my instructions
I have written to M. St. H. Ewing at Memphis
where he resides for a statement of his disbursements
of the 300 $ I saw him on his way from Steamboat
but he never mentioned the subject and he is
Colonel Gaines nephew & presumed of course

he would settle his account with him.

I have not yet heard from the Superintendant of the Indians have ball plays & Councils frequently which usually terminate in drunken frolics. The sale of the various Setock keeps them amply supplied with that which is kept for sale in every part of the Nation. They are in state of suspense anxious to know where they are to meet what route they are to take & whether the Govt intend allowing them a Commutation for removing or their own resources.

A grand Council is to be held about 15 miles from here near the residence of Mushulatubbee the Chief on the 14th Inst.

I am Sir Yr. very Obed Servant

Wm. S. Colquhoun
Lt 3d Inft

120. Emig- Choctaw

W. S. Colquhoun

Choctaw Agency

July 30th 1832

Enclosing Account &
Vouchers of A. W.
Everett showing the
disposition of the funds
advanced to him by Col
Gains

Rec.d 13 augt Choctaw Agency 30th July 1832

Sir I have the honor to enclose herewith the account Vouchers of Mr. H.W. Everett shewing the disposition of the funds advanced to him by Col. Geo. S. Gaines late Supt. R. & S. of Indians.

Mr. Everett accompanied a party of Emigrs as far as the new Choctaw country.

I am Sir
Yr. ob. Svt.
Wm. S. Colquhoun
Sub Ind. Agt

Gen. George Gibson
C.G.S
Washington City

Enrg 12 3 Choctaw

Wm S Colquhoun

Choctaw Agency

Augt 8th 1832

Accepting the appointment

of Asst Agent &c

Rec'd 23 Aug

Choctaw Agency 8th Aug. 1832

Sir

Your letter of the 9th ultimo enclosing a copy of the Regulations with the appointment of Assistant Agent in the Removal of the Indians (which I have the honor to accept) was received by the last Mail.

Mr. Armstrong the Superintendant has not yet arrived.

I am Sir

Yr. ob. Svt.

Wm. S. Colquhoun

Asst. Dy Agt

Commissary Gen. of Subs

W. City

Emig 124 Choctaw

Wm S. Girlquhoun

Choctaw Agency

20th Aug 1832

Ask instructions as to payment for an Indian's Horse which died in service U.S.

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Choctaw Agency
20 Aug. 1832

Sir

On my return from the Cattle Lately Superintended in my letter to the Department the loss of Mules Mackey horse the Indian who accompanied me as a hirdsman on that service. The Horse died of a surfeit of Corn & was hired by Mackey of an Indian named Jones who demands payment from me. I have the honor to request that I may be informed whether he will be paid or not. The only claim the Indian has is that he is very poor & the horse died in service of the Govern. ment. Capt. Wm Armstrong the new superintendant has not yet arrived

I am Sir &c &c &c
Wm S. Colquhoun

Emig 125 Choctaw

Wm. S. Colquhoun
Choctaw Agency
Aug. 25th 1832

Enclosing his Acct. up to
31st August.

The balance paid over
to Capt. Page

Rec'd 8th Sir

Choctaw Agency
Aug 25th 1832

Enclosed are my accts up to the 31st. August closing my disbursements on the Indian Emigration, the balance being paid over to Capt John Page 4th Inf. I start this morning with Colonel W. Armstrong (Superintendt) for the the Factory, on the Tombigbee 65 miles below this place from whence I shall shortly proceed to the neighborhood of Winchester near the Ohio line of this Nation.

I am Sir Yr. Ob. Svt.
Wm. S. Colquhoun
Assistant Agt

Enqr. 12 Chickasaw
J. B. Clark
Fort Towson Aug.
21st 1832
Asking whether his ac
for 3d qr. & part 4 qr 1831
have been settled

Rec.d 17 Oct

Fort Towson
August 21st 1832.

General.

Not hearing heard of the receipt and settlement of my accounts and vouchers for [redacted] disbursed by me as Superintendent of the Removal and Subsistence of Indians, at Little Rock Ark.k Territory, during the 3.d and fourth of the 4.th quarters of 1831. I will you please inform me if they have been received, and if so, the disposition made of them.

I am Sir
Your Mo. obt. Servt.
J. B. Clark
Capt.n 3.d Infty.

General George Gibson
Com.y Gen.l of Subsistence
Washington City.

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Wm S. Colquhoun
Choctaw Agency
7th Sept 1832

In relation to #130 = due
by Norwood

Emigration of Choctaws
Commissary Gen. Rations
Washington City

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Rec.d 22d Choctaw Agency
7 Septem.r 1832

Sir

Mr. Norwood late asst. agent was here yesterday & promises to settle the $30 as soon as he can raise the money. His residence is Tuskahoma. He gave me an order on Pagedale the late Colbert who was not able to pay & Returned it. I shall start in a few days for Skullyarnaky (Post Office Wilkinson) That district has been assigned to me. I have already in Council appointed Garlands Stand Old Mig road the Rendezvous & 1st. October the time for meeting.

I am Sir
Your Ob.t Ser.t
Wm. Ward
asst. Agent Ind.n Affairs

To
Emigration of Indians
Commissary Gen.l Subs.ce

130 Emig - Chester

L. F Croft

Doctr Stark

21st Sept 1832

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Rec'd Oct Doane-Stand Ark
Sept 20th 1832

Sir—

In obedience to instructions in your letter of the 9th July I herewith enclose you my Quarter Accounts up to the 31st August ult, with others I have before sent to the Department and all my Operations in relation to money matters with the Govt since the time of my entering the service of the U.S. I have also a Statement of Returns & Issues of Ordnance by the Depart. shewn the U.S. indebted to me $4.20¢—I have charge of no Provision, or Property on hand belonging to the Government,—excepting one Horse, Saddle, and bridle,—and this will be given up to the Disbursing Officer, as soon as he makes his Return, and which shall be made known to you as soon as the same is done,—You will find an Apt. Invoice, belonging to my Co.

= Return up to the 31st Dec. 1834 - for forage, subsistence, and transportation, which was not included in my last a/c. Current for that quarter, and that part of the a/c. relating to transportation from Madison Indiana to Harkins in the Choctaw Nation, and which was suspended by you, I urge again, and do hope the Acct. will be allowed, as the charge does not exceed 10 cts per mile - all of which is respectfully submitted for adjustment

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt
S. P. Lee
Asst. Adjt Genl

To
Genl. George Gibson
Comsy. Genl of Subs.
Washington City
D.C.

130 Emig - Choctaw

S. F Crofts

Doaks Stand

20th Sept 1832

Sends his Rec.t up to 31st Aug.t

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Ensign 135 Chart[illegible]

T. T. Cross

Wash Island Oct 5 '32

Sends Lt. Montgomery's
Receipt for a public Horse

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Fort Leavenworth
Oct 6th 1832

Sir

Rec'd 29th

I transmit under you Lieut Montgomery duplicate receipt for one public Horse, Saddle, and bridle, being the same received and used by me during the past year and in compliance with your instructions I have now transferred them over to the disbursing Agent

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
L. F. Leavenworth
Asst. Agent C. R. Ruml

To
Genl. George Gibson
Commissary Gen of Subs
Washington City

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Washington City

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Regt. 14th N.Y. Camp near
Pearl river Miss
Oct. 25th 1862

Sir We have been encamping here for 2 days past with 1908 men. The prevalence of Cholera at Vicksburg imperiously demands the employment of a Physician to attend the Emigrants we have therefore called to our aid the services of Doctor Selby Brown of Jackson Miss. We have agreed to allow him at the rate of Six dollars per day. Resting assured that the appointment will meet the approbation of the Department we are respectfully

Your Ob. Servt
Wm. C. Gaboon
Capt. A.C.

Commissary Gen. of Subs
Washington City

L. P. Simonton
Lt. U.S.A.